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Dear Requester:

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341 page(s) were reviewed and 300 page(s) are being released.

☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning other Government agency(ies) [OGA]. This information has been:

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Sincerely yours,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief
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Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

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Director, FBI

January 17, 1961

SAC, Denver (62-New-Dead)

62-00-91
**JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING**

[redacted]
telephonically advised this office on January 10, 1961, that several of his friends are considering the establishment of a branch of captioned society in Boulder, Colorado. He stated he is endeavoring to determine the origin and purpose of this organization.

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Established source [redacted]

[redacted] advised January 11, 1961, that he had heard that a [redacted] was endeavoring to establish a chapter or branch of this society in Boulder. [redacted] stated [redacted] in the Boulder, Colorado, area, enjoys an excellent reputation and to his knowledge has never been associated with any organizations which have been considered by him to have been connected with any Communist activity.

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✓ [redacted] advised he will keep this office advised of the plans of this group.

The indices of the Denver Office reflect no identifiable information about [redacted]

The above is being furnished the Bureau for its information in accordance with Bureau instructions. If in the future information is received that any subversive groups attempt to infiltrate this organization, the Bureau will be advised.

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✓ Previous information regarding this Society is in File 62-00-91.

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Director, FBI

Jan. 31, 1961

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Following is information regarding this Society
at Cody, Wyoming:

On January 14, 1961, [redacted]

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[redacted] in a letter to SA [redacted]
[redacted] of the Denver Office, advised there is considerable
controversy raging in Cody about the plans of the local school
district to bring a psychologist into that community to pro-
mote mental health in the school. ✓✓ She stated that the John
Birch Society in that community was fighting this plan pertain-
ing to mental health. 11

✓ She enclosed a copy of the January 12, 1961 issue
of the Cody (Wyo.) Enterprise which contains many letters
supporting the Park County (Wyo.) Mental Health Association
and defending the activities of that association from attacks ✓
from the Cody "cell" of the John Birch Society.

On January 18, 1961, [redacted] Welfare
Department, Cody, voluntarily furnished the following informa-
tion to SA [redacted]

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The John Birch Society at Cody meets monthly in
various private homes of members. ✓ They call their groups
"cells" and they advocate the elimination of Federal income
tax and the abolition of any organization which supports the
mental health program. The Cody "cell" is made up of only

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local Cody residents. The [redacted] and two b6
members are [redacted] b7C

No investigation is being conducted this division regarding this organization and this letter is being furnished the Bureau in accordance with Bureau instructions.

254 New Custom House
Denver 2, Colorado
February 10, 1961

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Dear [Redacted]

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 6, 1961, concerning the John Burch Club.

I sincerely regret that I am unable to assist you in this matter, but this Bureau does not evaluate any organizations as it is not within our jurisdiction to do so. Also, due to a Departmental Order, all information contained in the files of this Bureau is confidential and cannot be disclosed to unauthorized individuals. I am sure you will understand the reason for this order.

Although I am unable to help you in this instance, please do not hesitate to communicate with me at any time on matters on which I may be of assistance.

Very truly yours,

LSH

SCOTT J. WERNER
Special Agent in Charge

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February 6, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
New Customs House
Denver, Colorado

Gentlemen:

Copy of this letter to be sent to 62-1652-4
Recently the John Burch Club has been brought to my attention as a club primarily formed for fighting communism here in this country.

Before I or any of my friends become involved in this organization, I would appreciate your comments on the functioning of this club and the joining of same.

Yours very truly,

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Sen. S. M. Young
—UPI Telephoto.

Sen. Young Raps Founder Of Birch Group

WASHINGTON, April 3 —(AP) — Sen. Stephen M. Young (D-Ohio), Monday described Robert Welch, founder of the ultra-right-wing John Birch Society, as a character assassin and a "little Hitler."

But, he told the Senate, he sees no valid reason for either house of Congress to investigate the society.

Young said Congress is too busy to take up the time for such an investigation. And he said he concedes that any mercenary demagogue has the right to express opinions, though discredited, unfounded and false.

Demands for such inquiries have been voiced at the capitol in connection with charges by Welch that such people as former Presi-

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ment Eisenhower and Chief Justice Earl Warren are Communists.

Young said Welch, a retired Belmont, Mass., candy manufacturer, "is succeeding handsomely in selling life memberships in his society for a thousand dollars each and raking in thousands of dollars every month in members' dues."

On the other side of the argu-

ment over the society Rep. John H. Rousselot (R-Calif.) said Monday he joined the organization several months ago "because I believe that, in the main, the society is designed to oppose the Communist threat in a positive, legal and correct way."

The freshman congressman from San Gabriel, Calif., outlined his concept of the society in a state-

ment released through his office.

"It is basically made up of individual study groups in which the members read about and discuss communism in an effort to understand fully the menace it presents to America," he said. "As a result of these studies, members write friends and public officials and discuss their thinking on political issues."

Birch Comrades Voice Differing Views on Death

LOS ANGELES, April 3—(AP)—Different views were voiced Monday on the death of John Birch, for whom the right wing John Birch Society was named.

Birch, then an Army captain, was killed Aug. 25, 1945, while on an OSS intelligence mission in Central China.

In Billings, Mont., radio-TV executive Joseph Sample, who served in the same OSS outfit as Birch, said:

"There was no real object lesson in Birch's death and certainly no glory."

In Los Angeles, stockbroker William P. Weiss Jr., onetime OSS officer who made up the mission on which Birch was killed, said:

"Certainly John was just as much a hero as any other American soldier who died for his country."

And in Pasadena, a Los Angeles suburb, manufacturer Gustav J. Krapse, another wartime comrade of Birch, said:

"He brought about his own death. He didn't die the hero he was supposed to have died."

The John Birch Society, under fire from some national magazines and newspapers and some congressmen, has been accused of using Fascist tactics in its self-appointed task of fighting communism.

Birch, a missionary's son who spoke fluent Chinese, was shot by the leader of a group of Communist Chinese.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE

DATE: March 31, 1961

FROM : SAC

SUBJECT: JOHN BURCH SOCIETY ✓

[redacted] telephonically contacted me this afternoon requesting information concerning the John Burch Society. I advised [redacted] I had no information whatsoever concerning this organization.

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John Birch Societies Reflect McCarthy, ACLU Meet Told

By CHARLES GAMZEY
Denver Post Staff Writer

A legacy of the McCarthy period still exists in the country, a controversial opponent of the House Un-American Activities Committee said in Denver Monday night.

Frank Wilkinson, 46, of Los Angeles, whose conviction for contempt of the committee was upheld recently by the U.S. Supreme Court, addressed some 150 persons at a meeting of the American Civil Liberties Union, Colorado chapter, at the First Unitarian Church.

There has been a resurgence of mccarthyism in America during the last several years, he said.

Well-organized rightist groups like the John Birch societies and the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, Wilkinson said, are reviving the mccarthyite tactics of spreading fear, suspicion and character assassination.

"The John Birch societies should be taken very seriously, but I don't think they should be investigated by the House Un-American Activities Committee or any other congressional committee."

Members of the John Birch societies should be allowed to express their views freely without harassment from congressional committees, he said.

Wilkinson, executive secretary of the Committee to Preserve American Freedom, is portrayed as the villain in "Operation Abolition," the widely circulated movie released by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

According to the 50-minute film, Wilkinson was sent to San



FRANK WILKINSON
Portrayed as the villain.

Francisco last May by the Communist Party to organize student demonstrations against the committee.

Wilkinson said he had no part in the student rioting. "It is an absolute lie. The movie is 75 pct. outright lie and 25 pct. distortion."

The demonstrations were organized by the students themselves, he said. "The violence erupted because of inept police handling."

The report on the student demonstrations by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover is nearly as distorted as the film itself, Wilkinson said.

"Hoover as a personality and the FBI as an institution are considered in all too many circles as being beyond the reach of public criticism. The FBI is acting in an unconstitutional manner when it engages in political surveillance."

The FBI is regarded as a "sacred cow" which cannot be criticized in any way, he said. "This is wrong since the FBI is far from a perfect organization."

Wilkinson predicted that the House Un-American Activities Committee will be abolished in the next few years and the "First Amendment will be restored to full vigor in this country."

He will surrender to federal authorities in Atlanta, Ga., this month to serve a one-year term for contempt of Congress. He was cited for contempt of the Un-American Activities Committee for refusing to answer questions about his alleged Communist affiliations.

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REPLY TO GOLDWATER

Humphrey Assails Defenders of Birch

By WILLIAM THEIS

WASHINGTON, April 6. -- (UPI)—Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D) of Minnesota, took sharp issue Thursday with a Republican leader's claim that the anti-Communist John Birch Society was made up of "impressive" people whose investigation would embarrass Congress.

Humphrey, the Senate Democratic whip, replying to comment by Sen. Barry Goldwater (R) of Arizona, said that "some of the 'best people' praised Hitler and Mussolini, too."

Humphrey said in an interview that the two Fascist leaders "rose to power raising the cry of anti-communism, but they were anti-people, anti-freedom, anti-democracy."

Goldwater previously said the sole purpose of the John Birch Society, whose call for impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren has brought demands for a congressional investigation, was to fight communism.

Goldwater said it ~~should~~ not be dubbed ultra-conservative for that reason and added: "I know liberal Democrats as well as conservative Republicans who belong."

Humphrey, a long-time liberal, brushed off the GOP campaign chairman's statement that John Birch members he had met were people of "high quality."

"What the free world needs are leaders who are not only anti-communist, but pro-freedom and pro-justice," Humphrey said.

"Tyranny and bigotry in any

form is evil. I'd suggest that these 'best people' demonstrate their good sense by getting out."

Humphrey added: "The extreme right and extreme left always join hands in their crusades and attempt to destroy the middle. The main difference between fascists and communists is the color of their shirts -- one is black and the other is red."

Thomas C. Kuchel of Calif., assistant Senate GOP leader, called last week for a congressional investigation of the John Birch Society. But other leaders have indicated none was likely.

Goldwater observed: "If they push this to an investigation, there will be a lot of embarrassed people on this bill."

He made the point that any legislator making a speech attacking the John Birch Society without knowing something about it might find he was talking about some of his more prominent constituents.

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CODY REPORT

Wyoming Birch Society Growing

CODY, Wyo., April 5.—(UPI) —The John Birch Society is growing in Wyoming, according to Burton Whitlock, president of the Cody chapter of the society.

Whitlock said he did not know how many chapters have been formed in the state, but he said "I do know that we are growing all the time."

Whitlock said the society's objectives were "less government, more individual responsibility, and a better world."

He said current criticism of the society was a "smear campaign" which had resulted in harassment and defamation of society members in Cody.

He said the society would welcome a congressional investigation, a move which several members of Congress have requested.

BULLETINS MONTHLY

"Each month we receive a bulletin and are asked to do certain things, providing such requests do not violate our convictions," Whitlock said. "We are also asked to read one book each month. In effect, we are asked to arm ourselves with facts and knowledge about the Communist conspiracy. Knowledge is the ammunition of this fight."

The society has been criticized for its campaign to impeach Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren and for statements by its founder, Robert Welch of Belmont, Mass., that former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the late secretary of state John Foster Dulles and Central Intelligence Agency chief Allen W. Dulles were Communists.

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Jack Guinn Says Don't Let Them Set Up a Draft

THE burgeoning controversy over the John Birch Society seems to be shaping up into a normal name-calling contest without any of the authorities on the matter telling us what this group is plotting. We ought to know what's going on although the mere fact that it is another organization with a purpose is enough to frighten the average citizen into hiding.

From what little information that has been put out, the founder of this club, Robert Welch, charges members \$24 a year to receive secret orders from him on what to do about Communists. This seems to be as slick a refinement of the pigeon drop as anybody would want and he probably could have gone on forever if he hadn't insulted some of our patriots.

There must be a moral in that somewhere for people planning to set up any future versions of I'll Hold the Money, You Wait Here.

From some of the statements attributed to its glorious leader, this organization sounds like a nut cult that could wind up hanging on to the side of a mountain waiting for the end of the world, but the prominence of the people denouncing it leads us to fear that there is a real danger and that Congress may go up in flames any minute.

However, it is difficult to believe that this new secret society will have us fitted for uniforms and brassards by next Horst Wessel Day. It's equally hard to imagine that they have formed up just to pose for Christmas photographs on the doorsteps of the orphanage, but those of us who don't have any accurate information would be happier if our leaders, who ought to find out, could be a little calmer.

The John Birch Society may have brought a happier, richer life to those citizens whose platoon instincts require parades, insignia and passwords, but if it constitutes a threat to our

freedom, as Sam Rayburn says, then let's hear why.

It's not fair for us to have to judge anything mainly on the records of its proponents and the utterances of its enemies.

Look what this has done for sin.

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PRESTON WALKER President, Publisher

MRS. WALTER WALKER Assistant to Publisher

Indecent "Smears"

A fine example of distinguished service to the cause of Americanism is the John Birch Society. Charges that it flatly accuses Dwight Eisenhower with being a "card-carrying Communist" are being met with the pica that the accusation was made in a "confidential letter which was not for publication."

Apparently in these 100-per-cent American societies the smear campaigns, the libels which destroy reputations and make false accusations are allowable so long as they are kept secret. It is not surprising that the un-American Activities Committee has not yet found anything to investigate in the society.

The answer which a duly elected Congressman has given to the society's suggestion that Chief Justice Earl Warren be impeached is typical of the evasive, distorted thinking on the subject. The Congressman does not defend Warren. Neither does he suggest that Warren is not the Communist which the society charges. He simply replies that "Congress has more important things to do."

If there were any—even the very slightest—chance that either ex-President Eisenhower or Justice Warren were fellow-travelers let alone Communists Congress could not possibly have anything more important to do. The crisis would be immediate and demand drastic action.

The people who join such societies and read the usually anonymous and always scurrilous literature which they disseminate are not interested in the truth. They are interested in violent, vicious attacks upon public servants. Their minds are distorted and sick. They have no comprehension of what J. Edgar Hoover means when he asks for "legally constituted authorities with the steadfast cooperation of every loyal citizen."

Their actions and their attacks upon such men as Eisenhower and Warren, or for that matter, upon any private citizen, do as much to undermine the American way of life as the Communists can do. In such instances as the Birch society one is easily tempted to believe that the action is deliberate, as planned as any Communist plot, to contribute to hysteria, foster fear and undermine national stability.

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From File, Daily Sentinel
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Birch Group Defended by Its Founder

HOLLYWOOD, April 10. — (UPI)—Robert Welch, founder and leader of the John Birch Society, spoke out in defense of the controversial group Sunday night by saying its long term aim was to halt the "disease of collectivism and the flight to amorality."

Welch, 61, retired candy magnate from Belmont, Mass., specifically denied he was a "Nazi" or had complete control over the members of the national group.

Welch made his statements while appearing as a guest on the half-hour local TV program of Dr. James W. Fiffeld Jr., a minister of the First Congregational Church.

Welch announced the society's primary effort this year was to stop the Communist conspiracy and "educate as many of our neighbors as possible as to what's happening and why it's happening."

Another aim is to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren, he said.

Welch denied the group was secret or even semi-secret, saying, "all our beliefs are in our publications."

He declined, however, to make public the number of the society's members or their identities.

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WE'LL take a few more John Birch Societies, House Un-American Activities Committees, J. Edgar Hoovers, and Christian Anti-Communist Crusades. It is these organizations that are keeping the American public informed about the Archie Browns, Frank Wilkinsons, and others of their kind.

The big targets of the Commies and their fellow travelers are these groups named above because they are the most successful in combating this cancer of communism.

It is interesting to note that the FBI has not had its budget cut and only six members of the House of Representatives voted to cut the budget of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

MRS. AND MRS. JAMES
Moab, Utah. K-000.

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Bob Kennedy Calls Birch Group Ridiculous

THE DENVER POST
Friday, April 7, 1961

WASHINGTON, April 7. — Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy termed the John Birch Society "ridiculous" Thursday and said people should stop paying so much attention to it.

"They make no contribution to the fight against communism here in the United States," he said of the right-wing group. "In fact I think if anything they may be a hindrance."

The attorney general used his first conference to announce a legislative program to fight organized crime and racketeering. He proposed three new bills and

endorsed five measures requested by his predecessor, William P. Rogers.

The most sweeping of the new bills he proposed would prohibit interstate travel to advance illegal business activities. These activities are defined to include gambling, liquor, narcotics, prostitution, bribery or extortion.

Kennedy said the legislation was aimed at "the bankrollers and kingpins of the rackets," who more and more "live luxurious, apparently respectable lives in one state but return periodically to another state to collect from the rackets they run by remote control."

Under the bill, any violator of state law in the areas listed would become a target of federal law enforcement officials if he stepped across a state line or crossed United States borders.

Two other proposals by the attorney general would broaden present federal laws against intimidating witnesses and against shipment of firearms to ex-convicts. And he suggested revised versions of proposals by Rogers to ban use of interstate telephone or telegraph wires for betting and to prohibit interstate shipment of gambling forms and papers.

The Rogers bills would grant immunity to and compel testimony from employers and employees called as witnesses in racketeering cases, broaden the federal law making it a crime to flee across state lines from a state prosecution and prohibit interstate shipment of gambling devices, including pinball machines.

The attorney general said the package of legislation "could deal heavy blows to racketeering." He emphasized the word "could," saying everything would depend on how effectively laws were enforced.



ROBERT F. KENNEDY

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6,000 Hear Birch Founder

LOS ANGELES, April 12. — (AP)—The head of the controversial John Birch Society told 6,000 listeners Tuesday night that Americans have been led down the road toward communism by steps which purported to fight communism.

Robert Welch spoke to a packed Shrine auditorium meeting sponsored by the Freedom Club of the First Congregational Church.

Outside about 35 marchers picketed with placards which said "Welch, would-be dictator," "Squelch Welch" and "Democracy must be practiced, not Welch upon." Some were signed "Socialist Workers Party."

"For years we have been taken steadily down the road to communism by steps supposedly designed, and presented to the American people, as

ways of fighting communism," Welch said.

The semi-secret John Birch Society is a militantly conservative anti-Communist organization named after an American intelligence officer killed by Chinese Communists at the close of World War II.

Welch cited the U.S. foreign aid program as what he called an excellent example of being led down the road to communism.

"The Communist principle of reversal accounts for the extensive and high infiltration into our government of 'comsymps' like Alger Hiss and Harry Dexter White," Welch said. He added that he is sure more than 98 pct. of all employees in the federal government are patriotic Americans.

A 'comsymp,' he said, is "a man who is either a Communist or a sympathizer with Communist purposes."

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Birch Leader Resigns Health Chairmanship

CODY, Wyo., April 12.—(AP)—Burton T. Whitlock is resigning as chairman of a citizens mental health committee in order to divorce it in the public mind from the controversial John Birch Society.

Whitlock is a chapter leader of the Cody Birch Society but said the "Committee to Evaluate Mental Health Proposals" is an entirely independent group.

He said the Park County Mental Health Assn., headed by former Gov. Milward Simpson, and critics of the Birch Society were confusing the two organizations.

Whitlock said he would continue as an active member of both, but would turn leadership of the committee to someone else.

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J. B. Society Favored

THE advent of the John Birch Society heralds a field day for your slanted type of reporting.

Your TV reporter, in mentioning that the film "Operation Abolition" would be shown on local TV, said that everyone "except the House Un-American Activities Committee" thought the thing was rigged.

To name two who felt the scenes depicted were factual and that the California students were dupes and tools of paid Communists, I list J. Edgar Hoover and Mayor Fitzgerald of San Francisco.

On April 5 you ran true to form in printing the viewpoint of Frank Wilkinson, a gentleman scheduled to serve a year in prison for contemptuously refusing to answer committee questions about his alleged Communistic affiliations.

As little as I've read of the J. B. Society, I like it.

Like a pitcher, whose short-stop has let a half a dozen ground balls trickle through into left field, I am often prompted to ask "~~whose side~~ are you on?"

DON O. VANN.

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Dallas Cheers Birch Leader

By RAYMOND HOLBROOK

DALLAS, Tex., April 17.

(AP) Robert Welch told a mink-and-ermine crowd of 1,200 Sunday night that Russia has no reason to start a war with the United States because this coun-

try could be taken "without a single shot" by Communist infiltration.

The founder of the controversial John Birch Society, speaking from a copyrighted text, renewed charges made earlier that the Communists have had

a hand in every major U.S. decision since 1946.

As photographers sought to take pictures of Welch after the speech, a Welch supporter poured a pitcher of ice water over a newsreel man. Another Welch fan pushed around a newsreel man's camera and snapped wires to the sound unit.

He told an audience made up largely of residents from a fashionable North Dallas-Park Cities area, a conservative stronghold, that the Reds operate on "the

principle of reversal" by using slogans that bring an opposite result and replace good with evil.

Welch asserted the Communists helped devise slogans that won a third term for the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt and prevented the nomination of the late Sen. Robert A. Taft at the 1952 Republican convention.

"Had Taft been nominated, he would have won by an overwhelming majority and he would have set communism back a whole generation," he told his applauding audience.



UPI Telephoto

TV CAMERAMAN ARGUES WITH DALLAS BIRCH SUPPORTER

Fred Lawrence, left, protests against throwing of water on camera at meeting where Birch Society founder Robert Welch spoke.

Lee Endorses Birch Group

CHICAGO, April 17.—(UPI)—Mayor J. Bracken Lee of Salt Lake City said Saturday he is "an endorser" of the John Birch Society and supports its campaign to impeach Earl Warren, chief justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Lee, former governor of Utah, said, "I think the Birch Society's effort to restore constitutional

government is excellent. I never endorsed the Birch Society until the New Dealers started squealing against it."

The mayor was in Chicago to address a "convention of conservatives" seeking to launch a third political party. Lee has been mentioned as a leading candidate for the party's presidential nomination.

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advised that he is so concerned with the Communist Problem - and his interest in captioned organization, he flew to Mass. and interviewed Mr. Robert Welch, and others connected with the Society. He said that Welch was very busy and he had only a few minutes with him. He spent some time with others in Welch's office and they gave him some material, but did not ask him to join the Society.

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was respectively advised that FBI can not give out information on individuals and organization, however, he should not feel that because of this policy the FBI has or has not investigated the Society.

appears to be a very sincere worried citizen, so the writer gave him some of the Director's speeches on Communism. has expressed his respect for FBI.

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Birch Society Has the Wrong Answer To the Challenge of Communist Tyranny

*Look down, look down,
That lonesome road,
Before you travel on.*

THE opening words of that familiar old American folk song have always struck us as a superb piece of advice. We set them down here because they seem to form a suitable preface for this companion piece to the article on the John Birch Society on the front of today's Editorial Section.

We understand perfectly well, and to a degree share, the feeling of frustration and anger that leads some people to respond to the Communist challenge by joining such outfits as Robert Welch's.

The trouble is, these are inappropriate responses, as anyone who seriously looks down the long, lonesome road will discover. They don't meet the threat, they won't do the job: the Birch road can only take the traveler to the wrong place.

The logical result of Welch's philosophy, if it were ever carried out, would be to make the American nation weak, unable to compete in the world in any sense, unable to match the Soviets militarily, divided internally by suspicion and doubt, no longer a beacon of hope to the emerging millions in the underdeveloped lands; in short, an object of pity to our friends and of contempt to our enemies.

WELCH, in the "Blue Book" of the society, gives himself a terrific buildup as a man with a firm belief in the power of dreams and ideas to move the world.

Then, as he begins to unfold his idea, his grand plan to influence the course of history for hundreds of years to come, he reveals himself as nothing more than an unhappy little spirit, a stranger in the modern world who would like, more than anything else, to turn the clock back to the period before income taxes.

Instead of inspiring proposals for a greater America, he offers plaintive pleas for "less government."

We didn't have all this government in pioneer days, he complains. Of course not. Nor were we the world's most powerful nation, or the target of those who would replace us as such.

It makes no difference that we didn't aspire to this eminence. History presents men with unexpected choices, and it deals harshly with those who cannot rise to the challenges it brings.

Welch and his John Birch Society claim to be combatting communism. This is a worthy purpose, but the claim is suspect.

For Welch, shouting about communism and unjustly tagging vast numbers of Americans, from former President Eisenhower on down, as Communists or Communist tools, appears to be seeking no more than a means of attracting attention and furthering his ultimate goal of less government and less taxes.

But even if its objective were more straightforward, such a plan for smearing and badgering one's fellow citizens could never do as a weapon against the internal threat of communism what quiet, law-upholding agencies like the FBI do around-the-clock day after day.

His program for fighting communism in the world consists of getting out of the United Nations, withdrawing recognition of Russia, stopping foreign aid, breaking with our European Allies and reducing our outlay for missiles.

He seems to believe that if we will do that, the Communist menace will disappear automatically.

It is all rather petty and pathetic. Pathetic that it comes at a time when America can survive only if it grows in greatness for the challenge to that survival is great.

THIS is a time for the bravest and best of the American character to manifest itself, not the smallest and worst.

This is a time for us to practice basic Americanism, to show ourselves and the world that we really mean what we preach.

This is the time to show that we live by the creed that all men are created equal, that they have inalienable rights, including the right to speak out on what seem to be mistaken notions; that we live by and have respect for law, and that we won't allow the state to take a man's liberty or property away from him without fair process of law, as happens in the Communist world.

In a sense, these are conservative notions, for they represent a turning back to what is tried and true. But they are also revolutionary, in that they can inspire men to do the impossible.

The Communists, with their revolutionary appeals, are really the reactionaries, because they would take mankind back to the worst periods of slavery and tyranny.

This is what we have to combat communism: The greater ideology, rooted in a firm religious faith, and the greater tradition of service to mankind; and these will prevail if we live by them sincerely and defend them courageously.

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~~In the~~ Spotlight

BIRCH Society head Robert Welch was recently approached by a TV camera team in California and questioned as to the proof of some of his wild allegations concerning ex-President Eisenhower and others. Welch adamantly refused to answer any questions or document his charges. Those who witnessed this evasion on TV have adequate basis for evaluation of the Birch movement.

The devastating cartoons by Conrad, Mauldin and Herblock have also aided us in deriving a proper perspective. This is the free press in the exercise of its traditional function.

No formal, legal inquisition into the activities of the Birch organization should be initiated. If a segment of the American public chooses to support Welch after the spotlight of our information media has been thrown on him, that is their right. If such segment should be a majority, our poorly differentiating society will have received what it deserved.

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APATHY SPELLS RUIN

Birch Member Warns Students

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.,
May 4.—Unless Americans shed their apathy, "there is nothing more sure in the world than that the Communists will take over this nation," a council member of the John Birch Society said here Tuesday.

Fred C. Koch, a Wichita, Kan., engineer, oilman and banker, spoke at an assembly at Colorado College. The school regularly brings a variety of speakers to the CC campus in order to allow students to hear a wide range of views on various topics.

"History will bring to all people in the U.S. the decision of whether to face possible death in the fight against communism or to live under it," Koch said.

He said that 900 million people now live under communism and

that that figure soon will reach a billion.

India, he said, is the next Communist target. "then Africa, then the Middle East, and after the Communists have gained control of those lands, Europe will cease to be allied with America and will merge with the Communist powers."

South America and Mexico

"next will be subverted, and that will leave the U.S. alone in the world," he said.

In commenting on China, Koch said Chinese Reds were aided in their move to control by "treacherous Americans." He did not identify them.

He also defended the Birch Society against "an avalanche of smears."

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FOUR-DAY RIGHT WING SCHOOL

'Poor Man's Birch Society' Rallies St. Louis for Red Fight

By CABELL PHILLIPS

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ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 10.—A "poor man's John Birch Society" has recently completed a series of meetings here which has left many St. Louisans puzzled and vaguely troubled over the political implications of a burgeoning anti-Communist movement in their midst with pronounced right-wing overtones.

Some 2,000 solemnly attentive men and women packed the handsome St. Louis Auditorium in downtown St. Louis one night to hear twin lectures on the Communist menace from Herbert Philbrick, a former Federal Bureau of Investigation agent, and Dr. Fred C. Schwarz, national director of the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade, of Long Beach, Calif.

The occasion was the highlight of a four-day school on anti-Communism which Dr. Schwarz conducted here with Philbrick as a member of his ten-man faculty.

Attendance at the three-day sessions ranged from 200 to 600 each.

The theme of the night meeting, as it was of others in the series, was that the American way of life at every level—in the schools, in the churches, in government and in international affairs—is mortally threatened by "godless Communist ideology."

Dr. Schwarz warned that the Communists have set 1973 as the target date for their American takeover, and he predicted that they would succeed unless ordinary men and women, "such as you sitting in this hall tonight," armed themselves with "the knowledge and the tools" to avert such a disaster.

METHODS DIFFER

The comparison with the John Birch Society seems to be comparative rather than literal.

While both groups have as their central aim the stirring up of a citizens' war against Communist subversion, the

Amberg, publisher of the conservative St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

PROMINENT SPONSORS

On the list of 60 sponsors appeared, in addition, the names of leading manufacturers, merchants, bankers, the mayor and chief of police of St. Louis, the two U.S. senators and two local directors of the John Birch Society.

Gov. John M. Dalton lent his prestige to the affair by officially proclaiming "anti-communism week in Missouri."

The events in St. Louis, when viewed in a broader context, are symptomatic of a

quickening right-wing movement that is appearing in various guises in practically all parts of the country today.

In intensity, it varies from the harsh imperatives of a resurgent McCarthyism, on the one hand, to the comparatively soft inapertures of the Goldwater-for-President devotes on the other.

THINGS IN COMMON

But for all of its diversity of aims and methods, the movement has certain things in common.

Among these is a passionate anti-communism—a frequently obsessive fear that Communist

doctrine is subtly infiltrating and destroying the American way of life. This is the motive power of the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade.

Charges that certain individuals or institutions are "soft on communism" or have been duped into "serving the Communist cause" were implied rather than directly stated here by the speakers this reporter heard.

It seemed apparent, however, that most of the speakers were suspicious of the patriotism of some members of the Kennedy administration and the U.S. Supreme

Court, of large segments of the Protestant clergy, of the United Nations and of professors and the intellectual community in general.

Many of those who attended the sessions, however, said they believed they had heard the truth about communism for the first time. They seemed more bitter about it than their teachers had been.

A more skeptical view of the proceedings, however, was offered by a young Protestant minister, who had attended most of the meetings, but declined permission to use his name.

"This thing has all the ele-

ments of a brain was kept that the victim ready and eager to washed," he said.

Dr. Schwarz arrived country in 1955 from with as he often said in his pocket, but in his head.

He has had 21 of into an enterprise in, and turnover in 1950-1960. This is devoted publications, (resistant) publications.

It is expended 100 missionary work in on here, and some 100,000.

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METHODS DIFFER

The comparison with the John Birch Society seems to be comparative rather than literal.

While both groups have as their central aim the stirring up of a citizens' war against Communist subversion, the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade stops a good deal short of the name-calling and the vehement summons to retaliation advocated by Robert W. Welch, the authoritarian chief of the John Birch Society.

Dr. Schwarz's appeal is heavily laced with religious fundamentalism (he is, among other things, a Baptist evangelist), and his "action program" goes no further than urging his students to set up anti-Communist schools and study groups of their own.

Whatever more positive methods they may want to pursue in fighting communism, he says, is their own business.

Many participants in the school have said that backing "safe," conservative candidates for public office and keeping an eye on local education officials is the surest way of correcting the Communist evil.

YOUTH INTERESTED

While the Birch group levels its appeal at persons of weakin and community prestige, the Schwarz program appears to be designed for a less sophisticated middle-class audience.

This reporter after attending several sessions of the Greater St. Louis School of Anti-Communism, as the current program was called, was struck by the large proportion of young people.

Couples under 40 and boys and girls of college and even high school age were among the regular participants. Among the adults, proprietors of small businesses, salesmen, teachers, ministers and housewives active in community and neighborhood affairs seemed to predominate.

On the other hand, official sponsorship of the school is in the hands of a group of blue-chip business, industrial and political leaders.

The man chiefly responsible for bringing Dr. Schwarz and his team here is Richard H.

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On 5/5/61, [REDACTED] advised that she is the [REDACTED] of the Mental Health Program. She stated that information has come to her attention that [REDACTED] with the [REDACTED] has just returned from Arizona where he attended a training school for "Coordinators" of the John Birch Society.

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[REDACTED] is furnishing this information for whatever value it may be to the FBI.

A check of the City Directory for the Casper area reflects [REDACTED]

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The Casper Tribune-Herald
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Anti-Communist Forum Organizing

Plans are underway to form an anti-communist study forum in which the public is invited to take part.

The group will use such materials as J. Edgar Hoover's book "Masters of Deceit," and tape recordings made of lectures at the anti-communist school in Texas.

Those interested in taking part are asked to call L. G. Gaskins at 5-5058 as soon as possible, so that arrangements may be made for meeting space and class materials.



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On 5/10/61, [REDACTED] telephonically advised that he is planning a local discussion club regarding Communism. [REDACTED] further advised that the Director's book "Masters of Deceit" will be the "Bible" for this proposed study group. [REDACTED] stated that the purpose of this call was to ascertain where he could obtain copies of the Director's book. [REDACTED] was advised that the book could be purchased at any bookstore. b6 b7C

[REDACTED] stated that although he has read the "John Birch Blue Book" he is not a member of the John Birch Society.

He further advised that he has recently returned from Phoenix, Arizona where his sister informed him that the John Birch Society has induced 400 Texaco credit card holders to return their credit cards to the Texas Co. He stated that the reason for this action was that the John Birch Society considered CHET HUNTLEY and DAVID BRINKLEY, news commentators sponsored by the Texas Co., to be too "Socialistic." He stated that his sister advised him that the Texas Company is investigating this action on the part of the credit card holders.

It is to be noted that [REDACTED] of the Mental Health Association, Wyoming Chapter, recently advised the Casper Resident Agency that [REDACTED] recently returned from Phoenix, Arizona where he attended a school for coordinators sponsored by the John Birch Society. b6 b7C

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Director, FBI

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**JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING**

On May 5, 1961, [redacted]

[redacted] volunteered information that one [redacted]

[redacted] had just returned from Arizona where he attended a training school for "Coordinators of the John Birch Society."

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On May 10, 1961, [redacted] telephonically contacted the Resident Agent at Casper requesting information as to where he could obtain the Director's book "Masters of Deceit." [redacted] was advised that copies of the book could be purchased at the local bookstore in Casper.

[redacted] then advised that he was organizing a study and discussion group regarding Communism and intended to use the book "Masters of Deceit" as the "Bible" for this group. [redacted] volunteered that although he had read the John Birch Blue Book, he was not a member of the John Birch Society. He advised he had recently returned from Phoenix, Arizona, where his sister had informed him that the John Birch Society had induced 400 Texaco credit card holders to return their credit cards to the Texas Company because that Society considered HUNTLEY and BRINKLEY, newspaper commentators sponsored by the Texaco Company, to be too "socialistic."

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The May 15, 1961, issue of the "Casper Tribune-Herald" contains an article reflecting that plans were underway to form an anti-Communist study forum and that the group

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would use the Director's book "Masters of Deceit" and tape recordings made of lectures at "the anti-Communist school in Texas." Those interested in taking part in the group were urged to call [redacted]

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In view of the fact that [redacted] will be connected with the John Birch Society, the above is being furnished for the Bureau's information and extreme caution will be exercised should [redacted] recontact the FBI for any information or material.

Birch Society Is Growing in Wyoming

CODY, Wyo. (UPI)—The John Birch Society is growing in Wyoming, according to Burton Whitlock, president of the Cody chapter of the society.

Whitlock said he did not know how many chapters have been formed in the state, but he said "I do know that we are growing all the time."

Whitlock said the society's objectives were "less government, more individual responsibility, and a better world."

He said current criticism of the society was a "smear campaign" which had resulted in harassment and defamation of society members in Cody.

He said the society would welcome a congressional investigation, a move which several members of congress have requested.

"Each month we receive a bulletin and are asked to do certain things, providing such requests do not violate our convictions," Whitlock said. "We are also asked to read one book each month. In effect, we are asked to arm ourselves with facts and knowledge about the communist conspiracy. Knowledge is the ammunition of this fight."

The society has been criticized for its campaign to impeach Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren and for statements by its founder, Robert Welch of Belmont, Mass., that former president Eisenhower, the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Central Intelligence Agency Chief Allen W. Dulles were communists.

Whitlock said the smear campaign was rather amusing—at the time. "I only hope that a bona fide investigation will be

conducted. The society has nothing to hide. Its objectives are clear-cut and definite.

"How can any organization be classified as secret or semi-secret when anyone may purchase the blue book for \$2 or subscribe to American Opinion," Whitlock said.

Whitlock said there also was a local smear campaign against the Cody chapter.

"Presumably intelligent persons have abused the local Cody members of the society with sneaking references to 'cell' and 'red smoke screen' and are presumably behind a smear campaign to scare interested persons away from the society with intimidation and threatened economic reprisals," Whitlock said.

"What is happening now with respect to the John Birch Society is remarkably similar to past developments in other places. We might refer to it as a crucifixion of patriots," Whitlock said.

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The pamphlets which you forwarded are being made a matter of record in this office.

Thank you for your interest in furnishing the above-mentioned literature to this office.

Very truly yours,

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ROBERT WELCH JR.
Denver speaker.

Birch Boss To Speak In Denver

Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, will speak in Denver the night of June 24, the Rev. Paul E. Cooper, pastor of the Denver Revival Tabernacle, announced Tuesday.

The Rev. Mr. Cooper said Welch will speak at 7:30 p.m. at the tabernacle, W. 9th Ave. and Acoma St.

Welch's appearance here, the Rev. Mr. Cooper said, is being sponsored by the Denver-based Student Patriots of America, of which the Rev. Mr. Cooper is president. He said he did not know what Welch's topic will be.

The Rev. Mr. Cooper said he is not a member of the Birch Society but believes that "the people of Denver should be allowed to hear Mr. Welch."

He said his own organization—Student Patriots of America—is just getting started.

Its purpose, he said, is to "alert, arouse and enlighten the people of America as to the imminent threat of the forces of tyranny that threaten to destroy every thing we hold dear and believe."

CHAPTER IN L. A.

The Rev. Mr. Cooper said his organization has a chapter in Los Angeles, Calif., named "Academy Now."

He said Welch is to be the first of several speakers his organization plans to bring to Denver for monthly rallies.

Persons wishing to hear Birch will be asked to pay a registration fee of \$1.

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Police Plan Birch Protection; Group Fears Pickets, Violence

By RON KRIEGER

Denver Post Staff Writer

Detective squads, police escort, name-gathering and possibly the canine corps will be used to safeguard the Denver appearance of Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society.

The local sponsors of Welch's Denver trip have told police they fear picketing and possible violence when the controversial right-wing leader speaks at 8 p. m. Saturday at the Denver Revival Tabernacle, W. 9th Ave. and Acoma St.

Police Chief James Childers has put Capt. Leonard Johnson, head of the traffic bureau, in charge of police arrangements for Welch's visit.

FEE REQUIRED

Hal T. Marona of Lakewood, national president of the Student Patriots of America, the sponsoring group, said names will be taken of persons purchasing advance tickets.

"This is purely precautionary," Marona said. "We are

trying to head off an incident such as when Mr. Welch spoke in Santa Barbara, Calif., and antagonistic groups got hold of tickets, duplicated them and used the duplicates to pack the auditorium with hecklers."

Marona said names will not be taken of those paying the \$1 registration fee at the door Saturday night. The list of those who register in advance will be destroyed, he said.

The Rev. Paul W. Cooper, pastor of the tabernacle, said he expects "certain groups" to picket Welch's appearance. He did not specify the groups.

Spokesmen for several Denver organizations that have criticized the Birch Society, including the Fair Play for Cuba Committee and the Socialist Workers Party, said so far they have made no plans to picket.

Johnson said Welch would be met at Stapleton Field by airport police, who will escort him to a waiting car. "Several" teams of plain-clothes detectives will be assigned to

the meeting and the canine corps "will not be assigned but will be available for immediate dispatch," Johnson said.

John M. Schooley, manager of safety, said he told Johnson that if there is any disturbance, from either pro- or anti-Birch individuals, "everybody involved is going to jail no matter which side they're on."

Marona said he expected a capacity crowd of 1,500-1,700 at the Saturday meeting. Large delegations will come from Cheyenne, Cody, Boulder and Colorado Springs, he said, and local ticket sales are going "very fast."

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Birch Society Founder Gives Denver Message

By BOB WHEARLEY

Denver Post Staff Writer

The founder of the John Birch Society came to Denver Saturday night with the copyrighted message he's been preaching across the country—

The trouble with America is the Communist in sheep's clothing and the surest way to recognize this kind of subversive is that he poses as a dedicated anti-Communist.

Robert H. W. Welch Jr., 61, retired candy manufacturer from Belmont, Mass., marched nonchalantly through a student picket line to deliver his three-hour speech at Denver Revival Tabernacle, W. 9th Ave. and Acoma St.

The pickets, who carried anti-Birch Society signs such as "We March to Ridicule the Ridiculous," were five students from the University of Wyoming.

Standing by outside the tabernacle were 12 policemen under command of Sgt. Charles Yerton. The police detachment included two Canine Corps cars. But there was no trouble.

Welch pulled up to the tabernacle at 7:45 p.m. in a long, white Continental. He glanced



ROBERT WELCH JR.
Hold up your hands.

at the pickets, and then strode into the building.

Granting photographers three minutes to picture him at the lectern, he pulled a stack of

cards from the pocket of his coat and then looked around at the 1,000 persons in the stifling-hot, pine-paneled auditorium.

"Will all Communists here hold up their hands?" he asked.

Not a soul raised his hand. Welch smiled, and noted that he wasn't "so sure about those outside the building."

Then he launched into a speech he has made elsewhere, the speech which has typed him as a conservative among conservatives.

'Threat to Future'

"We the heirs of all the ages are simply abandoning and surrendering (to the Communist conspiracy)," he said. "There's a terrific flight to amorality in the United States and all over the world . . . a diabolical threat to man's future."

Speaking almost entirely in a droning monotone, he said the Communist threat is based on "the principle of reversal" — of communism posing as something it isn't.

He praised the late Sen. Joe McCarthy (R) Wisconsin, another conservative Red-hunter of note. And he attacked foreign aid, and presidents and Protestant ministers.

In a question-answer period that wound up the meeting, he was asked if under this "principle of reversal" he might not be a Communist posing as an arch anti-Communist.

"Entirely possible in theory," he replied. "But I'm willing to let my record stand."

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Birch Society Head Speaks in Denver

Robert Welch, founder of the ultra-conservative John Birch Society, made his first appearance in Denver Saturday night before a crowd of about 1000 persons, who were obviously more curious than convinced.

He spoke at the Denver Revival Tabernacle under sponsorship of the Student Patriots of America, an organization whose leadership had been claiming to be recipients of anonymous threats for a week.

But the worst that happened was a little verbal heckling. And all of that was confined to the sidewalk outside the building.

Police Prepared

Denver police were prepared for anything. Twelve uniformed officers were stationed outside the building. Plain clothes men were scattered through the hall inside.

Within a half block of the corner of W. Ninth ave. and Acoma st. three canine corps cars were standing by.

Welch drove up to the back door of the building at the last moment in a car chauffeured by a man who identified himself as Bill Cooper of Los Angeles, a member of the Birch Society.

The building is just a block off the main ambulance run from Denver General. Every time an ambulance would go by, its sirens screaming, some members of the audience would react.

Hal Marona, who is trying to organize the Student Patriots as a national organization, served as master of ceremonies. He started proceedings by announcing:

"There are folks here tonight who don't agree with us. And we don't agree with you. But let's be friendly about it."

Although the crowd was bigger than those mustered by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, some of the faces of the curious were the same.

Both groups used similar techniques; charging admissions, selling books. But the Cuba Committee managed to pass the hat for contributions several times each meeting—a technique the Birch Society did not employ.

Standard Speech

Welch gave his standard speech, emphasizing the use of

clergy were Communists, and named the late Sens. Robert A. Taft and Joseph McCarthy as victims of the Communists.

Under questioning he said it is possible he, himself, might be a Communist if one followed his speech on the reversal technique to its ultimate. But he discounted that he is on the basis of his other activities.

Welch noted his speech was copyrighted, and offered tape recordings and 16 mm films to those who might be interested in using it at subsequent sessions.

After the two hour speech and the hour of fielding all questions, Welch offered to meet privately "with any members of the John Birch Society who might have come down from Boulder or Denver."

That was the first time he or anyone else admitted such groups existed in Colorado.



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Student Pickets Protest Talk

Angry Wyoming University students showed up at the Denver Revival Tabernacle at W. Ninth ave. and Acoma st., late Saturday to picket a speech by Robert Welch, leader of the John Birch Society. Carrying signs reading, "Mussolini, Franco, Hitler—now Welch," "We March to Ridicule the Ridiculous" and "John Birch belongs

in the Comic Strips," the four said they were in Denver to lodge a "formal protest." The pickets are, left to right, Frank Wright, 22, of Cheyenne, Wyo.; Dave Hackley, 21, of Oxford, Ohio; Bob Zieger, 22, of Denville, N.J., and Lowell Steahans, 33, of Laramie, Wyo.

—Rocky Mountain News Photo by Bill Peary.

Birch Attacks Hit By ADL Director

The John Birch Society Monday was called spiritual successor to the America First and McCarthy movements by an official of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Lester J. Waldman, national director of organization and planning of the Anti-Defamation League, spoke at the B'nai B'rith District 2 convention in the Brown Palace Hotel.

Waldman said "The exposure which the John Birch Society has had in the press has badly damaged its one possibility of success in a program as dangerous to American democracy as the communism it purports to fight."

He pointed to other right wing movements of recent years.

"The (John Birch) Society's precursors were the America



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First Committee and later the McCarthy movement," he said. "Both were repudiated."

Waldman said the limelight now playing on the society denies it the secrecy which its founder, former candy manufacturer Robert Welch, deems necessary if it is to avoid the failure of its predecessors.

Joseph L. Cohen of 5530 E. Second ave. was elected president of Grand Lodge No. 2, B'nai B'rith, Monday at the convention. He will be installed at the convention's Tuesday luncheon.

Cohen is regional personnel director for the U.S. General Services Administration.

He will preside over 110 B'nai B'rith lodges in the district encompassing Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri and Kansas.

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We Shall Lose ... by Default

John Birch Society Founder Addresses Meeting in Denver

By PETE WEINBERG

and PAUL DANISH

Robert Welch, the founder and head of the ultra-conservative John Birch Society, spoke Saturday night at the Denver Revival Tabernacle, delivering his copyrighted diatribe on the dangers of internal subversion to a steadily diminishing audience.

Alerted to the threat of possible violence, the Denver police were on hand with a 12-man detachment under the charge of Sgt. Charles Yarton. Although Yarton said the purpose of the police being there was to control traffic, his detachment included the Canine Corps dogs, as well as a motorcycle officer, and patrolmen in prowler cars.

A reporter for a Denver paper assigned to the story, said in reference to the added number of officers in the area that they were there, "to prevent anything on the order of the San Francisco Riots."

A group of students from Wyoming University picketed Welch briefly as he arrived, and later on members of the Denver Branch of the Socialist's Worked party passed out literature against Welch and the Birch Society itself.

Welch ignored the pickets on arrival, and strode into the tabernacle noting later in his talk that the picketers could perhaps be Communists.

Photographers were given three minutes by Welch to take pictures, and one photographer for a Denver paper was later castigated by Welch for taking pictures of the audience when he was not taking pictures of Welch talking.

Although the John Birch Society did not sponsor the meeting, copies of the Birch Society's "blue book," were on sale, and several people who admitted to being members of the society were

willing to talk about the organization to reporters.

The meeting itself was sponsored by the "Student Patriots of America," an organization which states its primary purpose as fighting Communism on the college campus.

At the start of the meeting, there were approximately a thousand people in attendance, but people began to drift out of the hall.

Welch began the two-hour formal part of his lecture with the assertion that "not only our federal government, but some of our state governments are visibly influenced by Communists."

He also stated that in the face of the communist menace, "we the heirs of all the ages are simply abandoning and surrendering our ageless inheritance."

"For years we have been taken steadily down the road to Communism by steps supposedly designed, and presented to the American people, as ways of fighting Communism," he continued. "The foreign aid program is an excellent example."

He cited such individuals as Menshikov, present ambassador from the Soviet Union to the United States, Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia, Gromulko of Poland, Sukarno of Indonesia, and Madame Sun-Yet-Sen, widow of the late Premier of China, as people who had used American aid for this purpose.

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TO : SAC, Denver (62-1623)

DATE: 7/14/61

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

[REDACTED] panel source, advised 6/26/61 he attended a meeting held in the Denver Revival Tabernacle on June 24, 1961, sponsored by the Student Patriots of America. The principal speaker was ROBERT WELCH, the founder of the John Birch Society.

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[REDACTED] stated upon his arrival, he noticed five or six young men and women were picketing the meeting.

The audience, he stated, was made up of 1/3 to 1/2 young people, that there was a group in the 30 to 40 age group and the remaining in the 50 to 70 age group. He stated he estimated that approximately 1,000 individuals were present. He stated the report of the speech was carried in the June 25, 1961, issue of the "Rocky Mountain News."

He stated there was distributed at this meeting a paper entitled "The Student Patriot of America" and a card of the Student Patriots of America, which card contains information requesting information regarding the organization. He stated further that there was a leaflet distributed by the SWP in Denver.

The material regarding the Student Patriots of America is being placed in file 62-1659 and the material about the SWP is being placed in 100-2650.

It is to be noted that the newspaper clippings regarding the meeting are on file in 62-1623.

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Bar Association Takes Slap At Birch Society

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (AP)—The far-right John Birch Society came in for strong criticism from the rostrum of the American Bar Association at its 84th annual convention Monday.

ABA President Whitney North Seymour asserted that by sponsoring an essay contest among college students on "grounds for impeachment" of Chief Justice Earl Warren, the society is engaging in deplorable "personal vilification."

No responsible lawyer will encourage such conduct, Seymour asserted, and delegates applauded him roundly.

Seymour said the society, by "false implications" of misconduct on Warren's part, is leading ignorant people "into disrespect for our institutions which maintain liberty under law."

"Let us leave such attacks to the Communists, who hate our institutions," he said.

Robert H. Welch Jr., president

of the John Birch Society, recently announced the essay contest, with a top prize of \$1,000. He charged that U.S. Supreme Court decisions under Warren's leadership have helped Communist causes.

The ABA, with 102,000 members, began its convention Monday with about 10,000 delegates, wives and other relatives present. Its governing body, the House of Delegates, has before it for discussion later in the week a number of committee reports.

One, submitted by the Bill of Rights Committee, said the legal issue of racial segregation in the South has now been "solidly settled" and urged southern states, in effect, to give up their fight to maintain the color line.

The lever is the oldest form of all elementary machines and appears in the sculptures of Egypt some 5,000 years old.



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TO : SAC DENVER

DATE: 9-26-61

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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Misc. Info Concerning

John Noble
You will note from the attached clippings from the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel that a Rally was held last Saturday at the Grand Junction High School. The featured speaker was [REDACTED] who allegedly had spent [REDACTED] in Soviet prison camps. From comments available, all he did was to attack various religions, in his talk.

On 9-2-5-61 [REDACTED] at GJ, voluntarily contacted me and advised as follows:

On 9-22-61 [REDACTED] registered in at the motel. His vehicle listed as Ford Colo. licence WM-3309. On the registration card he listed his occupation as JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, Belmont, Mass. He made two local telephone calls: CH-30333 and CH-37845. His activities unknown. He checked out 9-25-61.

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On 9-22-61 3 persons checked in as one party:

#1 name unknown.

#2 [REDACTED]

#3 [REDACTED]

Above three all believed to have travelled in Nash Rambler bearing Ill. licence 854-766. They did not stay over the night of 9-23-61.

[REDACTED] said that on 9-23-61 [REDACTED] (last name not legible) of [REDACTED] driving a Chev. with Colo. lic. -2536, checked in and listed occupation as "HATE of Colorado." They checked out 9-24-61.

[REDACTED] said he was not aware of any contact between the ~~names~~ last mentioned and those above. Further, he did not know whether "HATE" was an organization or an abbreviation. He said that he believed that all of the above information should be made a matter of record.

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UAC I will not take any action on the clippings or the information above.

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Clergy Deny Noble Charge

By JIM BZDEK and STAN WYMAN
Sentinel Staff Writers

Catholic and Protestant clergymen rallied together yesterday to contradict John Noble, featured speaker at a mass meeting in Grand Junction Friday night.

The clergymen vigorously protested that statements made by Noble during his talk to about 1,000 people were not true, according to basic Christian doctrines.

Noble, speaking under the banner of the National Assn. of Evangelicals in Grand Junction High School, charged that current government welfare programs were in direct contradiction to Christian doctrines. He expanded his views at a press conference afterwards.

Joining in the protest against the Nobel statements were the Rev. Paul J. Habliston, rector of St. Matthews Episcopal Church; the Rev. Raymond Grimes, assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church; and the Rev. Marion G. Hixson, pastor of the First Methodist Church and one of the listed backers of the Nobel Rally.

Noble told reporters, "Social security is an outright violation of the word of God." He told his audience, "The scripture so often used, 'The Lord is my Shepherd,' no longer seems to count. Today, it's, 'The State is my Shepherd, I shall not want.'"

The current furor ironically comes amid disclosures that an active John Birch Society chapter is being formed in Grand Junction by an out-of-town coordinator.

While the Birch Society news and the Nobel meeting may seem unrelated on the surface, there is a newsworthy connection. Noble repeatedly admitted that he is in complete agreement with the aims and methods of the Birch group. The much-publicized society was brought into the Friday meeting by a member of the audience, during a question-and-answer period following Noble's talk. The speaker was asked if

he was a member of the Birch group. He answered:

"I am not a member of the John Birch Society, but the news media has no right to mold the minds of the public by criticizing this organization. The head of it, Mr. Welch, has documentation for every statement he has made, and the organization should have every opportunity to make these public."

The news that the Birchers were organizing here was disclosed by an admitted member of the ultra-right wing group, Compton Mitchell, a Grand Junction businessman. Mitchell told The Sentinel, during a break in the second day of the Noble Rally activities Saturday, that the new group expects to be fully organized and active by the first of the year.

"You will hear plenty from us then," Mitchell said after being asked why the organization was so secret. He refused to give the name of the local leader or the coordinator who helped organize the chapter.

In discussing the Noble remarks, Rev. Hixson said, "Certainly the scriptures are not opposed to anything that is good for humanity." He received backing from the Rev. Habliston who said, "Some people are too prone to use the Bible as a crystal ball." Ironically, Rev. Habliston is receiving social security himself.

Father Grimes, spokesman for Grand Junction Catholics, said "There is nothing positive or even implied in the Bible that would oppose social security." The Catholic priest received support from the Vicar General of the Pueblo Diocese of which Grand Junction is a part.

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Is The President Really Catholic?

Is President Kennedy a Catholic?

According to John Noble, no. "Kennedy is not a Catholic," Noble, a visiting lecturer told The Daily Sentinel Saturday.

Asked why, he said that Kennedy supports things which are opposed to Catholic Doctrine. Urged to be more specific, Noble said, "Social security is in direct violation to the doctrines of the Catholic Church." He would not specify which doctrines, but he said proof could be found in the Bible. "Sure he goes to church," Noble said of Kennedy, but he's not really a Catholic."

Concerning Noble's statements, the Rev. Raymond Grimes, assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, said, "Social security is in perfect accord with Catholic teaching of the state existing and aiding the welfare of the whole or part of the people. That is the purpose of the state's existence, for the welfare of the people."

"There is nothing positive or even implied in the Bible that would oppose social security," he added.

As for Kennedy not being a Catholic, Father Grimes said, "That's false. Kennedy is a good

practical Catholic, according to everything that man can perceive."

In deploring the government's usurping role, Noble earlier specified that "social security is an outright violation of the word of God"

Rev. Paul J. Habliston, rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, met Noble's statement with: "We find in the Bible basic principles for human living which must guide man and nations. It is always dangerous to use the Bible as a proof text, as if those who wrote the Bible had in mind the specifics of our own government."

It was at this point that Rev. Habliston noted that there is too much proneness for people to use the Bible as a crystal ball.

Rev. Habliston himself is covered by social security.

Also reacting to Noble's comment was Rev. Marion G. Hixson, pastor of the First Methodist Church, who said, "Certainly the Scriptures are not opposed to anything that is good for humanity. Many retired ministers are recipients of social security. I can't believe that it's God's will that they live in utter poverty. And that's true for anybody else."

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JOHN NOBLE'S OWN DRAMATIC STORY

I WAS A SLAVE IN RUSSIA



John H. Noble . . . BORN IN
Detroit, Mich . . . trapped in Germany
during world war II . . . 1945 arrested by
the Soviets . . . deported to the dreaded
Soviet Arctic Slave camps . . . is one of
the few American citizens ever to see
the true and undisguised face of Communism
in Russia, having survived 9½ years
of brutal, satanic present day
Soviet Slavery.

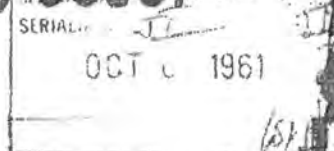
Mr. Noble has realized that only due to
the grace of God was it possible to return
to freedom and loved ones.

Returning to a somewhat confused and still
little concerned America, he brings back a
message that should shake the "Free
World" out of its complacency,

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BY AM . . . SHOULD HEAR THESE STARTLING FACTS!

Walker's Decision to Quit Was Right

MAJ. GEN. EDWIN A. WALKER was a good soldier, and his decision to quit the Army so he could carry on his John Birch Society version of an anti-Communist campaign was at least a good soldier's decision—straightforward and courageous.

Now his audiences can hear him out on the merits of what he says and take it or leave it as they see fit.

They will hear him and be listening not to their commanding officer but to an ordinary, sincere fellow citizen with a Birch Society member's tragically distorted concept of the real nature of the Communist threat to America.

This is the crux of the Walker affair, which Sen. Strom Thurmond (D) of South Carolina, the former Dixiecrat candidate for president, has been attempting to turn into a smear on the national administration.

This, and the fact that the Army did have a good legal case against General Walker, not because he was anti-Communist—which the U.S. Army top brass obviously is, too—but because he violated the trust the people put in him when he used his position of authority to influence the votes of his troops.

The Judge Advocate General's office of the Army conducted a painstaking investigation of the case and at the end of a scrupulously objective report included the finding

that General Walker conducted an intrusive campaign of editorials, lectures and "study groups" to influence military personnel and their dependents in behalf of extreme right wing candidates and issues. (Interestingly, not even Sen. Barry Goldwater got a perfect rating in the index used by Walker to guide the troops.)

In doing these things, the Judge Advocate General's report said, General Walker v

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lated Army Regulations as well as federal civil and criminal statutes.

What General Walker did was no more right because he was a major general than it would have if he had been a postmaster general. And it wouldn't have changed matters a bit if he had been trying to influence his men to vote for Republicans, Democrats or Prohibitionists.

THE Army's action against the general was mild, simply transferring him from his position in charge of the 24th Division to other responsibility.

In this, too, we think the Army acted properly, for if Walker misunderstood the rights of Americans in uniform he was at least relentless in his dedication to the nation in which those rights are guaranteed.

In only one particular were we disappointed in General Walker. Announcing his resignation, he seemed to step out of character when he protested that he had been punished by the Army for his "loyal service" to the country. That is just not so.

Be that as it may, Walker will now be free to say whatever he likes—subject only to the laws of libel and slander.

HE MAY wish to pick up where he left off in his statements against former President Truman, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Edward R. Murrow and the "40 to 60 pct." of the American public he seems to think is under Communist influence.

Because we admire the patriotic side of Edwin Walker, we hate to see him engage in a name-calling campaign of the sort that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has pointed out helps to divide Americans and soften us up to Communist objectives.

But that is Walker's choice to make. As for his fellow Americans, their choice is to ~~weigh~~ such a campaign, if it is undertaken, against their own common sense.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER

DATE: 11/9/61

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, CASPER, WYOMING
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
INTERNAL SECURITY

AT CASPER

On 11/9/61, [REDACTED] advised that he is the [REDACTED] for the Ohio Oil Company, Casper, Wyoming.

[REDACTED] stated that he is "thinking about joining the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY." He advised that he is wholly in accord with the principles of this group. He further advised that in the past few months he has been quite active in local discussion groups, but declined to state which ones. [REDACTED] declined to furnish any information regarding the headquarters, leaders, or membership in the John Birch Society in Casper.

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[REDACTED] advised that he just wanted to "go on record" with the FBI in the event his name should appear on "some tainted organization mailing list" and wanted the foregoing information brought to the attention of the FBI.

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God or J. Edgar

YOUR more-than-fair editorial comment (Nov. 4) relative to Maj. Gen. Walker's switch-over from the Army to the Birchers, with your expression of regret at seeing him "engage in a name-calling campaign of the sort that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has pointed out helps to divide Americans and soften us up to Communist objectives," again reminds me of something that I've noticed about us USAers quite a number of times these past few months, and which I consider downright laughable.

And that is that both the highly controversial Birchers and we of the opposition often bring Mr. Hoover into the picture in one way or another so as to leave the impression that each feels the director is on his respective side and that each apparently hopes to convince others that such is true.

Also, at times the opposing parties will manage somehow to leave the impression that each feels that God, too, is on his side.

Evidently, we Americans are pretty well sold on the thought that if we can convince both ourselves and others that either God or J. Edgar is for us, we shall soon have many followers; and that if we can convince all concerned that both God and Mr. Hoover are for us, then no one here in our homeland can be against us and hope to succeed.

But wouldn't it be more convincing, as well as more sportsmanlike, if we would all either offer some definite proof or quit putting the FBI director on such an untenable spot?

Quoting Mr. Hoover on general statements is like quoting the Bible in that each one puts his own interpretation on what is quoted. While we can't change that situation as to the Bible, we should be able to ascertain whether or not Mr. Hoover approves the Birchers 100 pct. It's a sure and certain cinch he can't be wholeheartedly for both sides because there's too everlastingly much difference between us.

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, CASPER,
WYOMING MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION
CONCERNING
INTERNAL SECURITY MATTER

AT CASPER, WYOMING:

On 1/25/62, three separate anonymous telephone calls were received at the RA concerning the attached articles. Each of the individuals who called advised that the [REDACTED] is an active member of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in Casper.

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Index [REDACTED] in Casper. No investigation has been conducted regarding [REDACTED] NS 1

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President Kennedy —

Vice President Johnson, General Eisenhower and others have been deploing the fact that many Americans have become increasingly critical of government agencies; they have lost confidence in and become distrustful of our elected leaders and other prominent Americans.

Let us examine a few of many thousand documented facts taken from the Congressional Record and other authentic sources that may partially explain this feeling of mistrust which so many apprehensive Americans have.

I would like to emphasize, as I present these facts, that I am not questioning the patriotism of some of these people I am to mention, but I am questioning their motives, reasoning and good judgment for the statements and decisions made by them in regard to communism. President Roosevelt in 1941, was informed by Congressman Dies that several thousand communists were employed by our government. Roosevelt then ordered Dies from his office with the statement, "Many of my best friends are communists." Roosevelt later issued a presidential order, to Naval Intelligence Agencies to stop all investigation of the communist traitors and spies.

Roosevelt's Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau, gave the Russian communists the plates to our printing press money which enabled the Russians to flood Europe with American occupation currency which American taxpayers later had to redeem at an estimated cost of over one billion dollars.

Roosevelt's advisor, Harry Hopkins, gave to the Russian communists all available plans and materials on the manufacture of the atomic bomb.

Roosevelt's confidential advisor, Alger Hiss, later convicted as a communist spy, assisted in writing the United Nation's charter which was partly copied from the Russian constitution. Yet our nation's leaders are upholding this communist spy apparatus which is rapidly undermining the free world.

An investigation was made of one hundred new appointees to the United Nations. Sixty-one of them were exposed as communist officers or espionage agents.

If the U.N. doesn't serve Russia's purposes and goals they wouldn't be in it. Russia's goal is not peace, but world conquest.

America's action in aiding the communists in the Congo against anti-communist Katanga through the U. N. is another example of the thinking of our government officials in Washington.

Truman is now ridiculing and denouncing as super-patriots the aroused loyal Americans who are speaking out against communist subversion and treachery. Considering his sorry record we need more, not less, super-patriots.

Truman, in June, 1948, made the statement, "I like old Joe Stalin—he's a decent fellow." (Old Joe only murdered millions of his fellowmen!)

Truman later ordered the airlift into Berlin because he didn't have the courage to defy the communists and assert and enforce our rights on land.

Truman appointed General Marshall as Secretary of State and upheld him in his decision to halt all further aid to our ally General Chiang Kai-shek because Chiang would not take the Chinese communists into his government as Truman wanted him to.

Marshall, after investigating the Chinese communists, declared they were nothing more than "simple agrarian reformers." Afterwards Red China liquidated a mere 20 million of their own countrymen. Marshall then ordered 150 million dollar's worth of ammunition destined for Chiang Kai-shek's armies dumped into the ocean. This, of course, resulted in the ultimate victory for the Chinese communists.

Truman was warned three times by the F.B.I. that Harry Dexter White was a communist, yet he appointed him to head the World Monetary Fund.

Truman appointed Anna Rosen-

berg to the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense although she had been identified in sworn testimony as a communist. She is now working as an advisor to Governor Nelson Rockefeller.

Truman, in 1959, said he didn't know of anything in the U.S.A. more un-American than the House Un-American Activities Committee. Apparently they had been exposing too many of his cronies who would be more at home in Moscow.

Eisenhower appointed Governor Earl Warren to the Supreme Court even though it was well known that he wasn't qualified because of his lack of judicial knowledge and experience. This unwise appointment was made to pay off a political debt. (Politics is a sordid business when it forces one to compromise his principles.)

A spokesman for the American Bar Association has disclosed that Chief Justice Warren has rendered approximately 25 decisions in favor of the communist party. His insane explanation for most of these decisions has been, "the communist party is just another political party." (Whew!)

His misinterpretations of our constitution by advancing sociological theories have violated all the rules, regulations and laws that have been tested by one generation after another and found good.

Eisenhower publicly condemned Senator McCarthy who was exposing communists in our government and elsewhere. Additional evidence since uncovered has proved McCarthy more right than ever.

The same news mediums which helped destroy McCarthy — Time, Life, Newsweek, and Drew Pearson — along with many others are now attempting to discredit the anti-communist groups. Senator McCarthy's tactics may have been displeasing to some, but one fights fire with fire.

Wyoming's former Senator — Frank Barrett's defeat in the last election was attributed to the scurrilous and untrue news reporting of Drew Pearson. This unwarranted attack on Sen. Barrett was no mistake, no happened to be against socialism.

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Eisenhower was repeatedly advised that Castro was acting like a communist and was undoubtedly one. Yet he allowed our State Department to aid Castro in his conquest of Cuba. He then extended official recognition to this gang of rabble-rousing communists with the State Department's off-hand explanation that Castro was not really a communist but an idealist.

If an organization or person thinks, talks and acts communistic, what more evidence do you need? A photostat of their communist party card?

History has proven it isn't mere coincidence that every defeat and loss suffered by the free world to the communists has had its roots in our State Department. Their seemingly intentional blunders and mistakes bordering on downright treason would fill volumes.

President Kennedy appointed Dean Acheson and Dean Rusk (the latter having been described by astute foreign diplomats as "decent but weak and scared") to responsible government positions even though it was common knowledge that they shared some of the responsibility for America and the United Nations losing the Korean War.

General MacArthur pleaded for permission from President Truman to bomb the bridges over the Yalu River between Korea and China to stop the Chinese communist armies from overrunning Korea. President Truman, on Acheson and Rusk's unwise advice, ordered MacArthur not to bomb the bridges as it might offend or annoy the Chinese communists. Consequently, they did overrun Korea which led to our defeat. In government, if you want a promotion, make a mistake (in favor of the communists).

President Kennedy's heroism in World War II is well known and admired by all. It is unfortunate that he didn't display the same courage to rebuke the Americans for Democratic Action for the treacherous advice and assistance

given by them. A.D.A. is the headquarters for the left-wing under world which is the driving force behind sneaking socialism. This organization has vilified every anti-communist organization in America. Their criticism of the communists is conspicuous by its absence.

On A.D.A.'s recommendation 49 of Kennedy's top government appointments have been Harvard graduates mostly from the "Fabian School of Socialism." The Fabians believe in "easing" into absolute power by deceit. Remember, socialism and communism are blood brothers.

President Kennedy is now trying to force the anti-communist government in Laos to accept the Communist party into a coalition government to rule Laos. (This is like "letting the goat watch the cabbage patch"—one of Khrushchev's quotes.)

President Kennedy is now striving toward another meeting with Khrushchev (Berlin got the wall after the last one; I wonder what's in store for us after the next meeting.) He would do well to emulate Charles de Gaulle of France, and remain aloof from this group of international gangsters.

In the past 25 years America has had 3,400 meetings with the Russian communists resulting in 52 major agreements of which Russia has broken 50. Yet our nation's leaders are still willing to negotiate with the communists who have committed every act of brutality and hideous crime known to mankind. Tell me, how do you negotiate with murderers, liars and tyrants?

Some misinformed people have advanced the fallacious arguments that these negotiations have kept us out of war. We have been at war with the Russian communists for years — their kind of war — "planned internal subversion." All of the Russian communists' conquests have been made partly or completely from within — not by bullets.

This strategy has succeeded so well elsewhere they would be completely insane not to be trying it in America. The communists' web of subversion in America and elsewhere is so great that it is beyond comprehension. The greatest assets the communists have are not bombs, guns and slaves but world ignorance of their tactics, strategy and objectives. Khrushchev has already boasted that he will conquer America internally by socialism. (Read Lenin and Karl Marx sometime.) In spite of this some shallow politicians are espousing more socialism for America.

One of the synonyms in the dictionary for socialism is "communism." Khrushchev defines socialism as "the last step before true communism."

A quotation from General Douglas MacArthur says, "The threat to our country is from the insidious forces working from within which have already so drastically altered the character of our free institutions."

Several months ago Edward Hunter, a specialist in psychological warfare, testified before the Senate Internal Subcommittee that, "Moscow agents have infiltrated the White House to crush the anti-communist movement now sweeping the U.S.A."

This is further evident by the fact that these Harvard trained socialists working out of this Puzzle Palace on the Potomac were able to crucify General Walker whose patriotism, intelligence and dedication are well known.

His crime was teaching the evils of communism, exposing socialistic minded politicians, and calling some prominent Americans "pink." Judge for yourself. Eleanor Roosevelt, who is advocating that we admit mass murderers, the Red Chinese, into the U.S., has more than 100 communist-front citations. Herbert Lehman, former governor of New York, has 10 communist-front citations. Dr. Ralph Bunche, appointed by Truman to the U.N., has 12 communist citations. Thomas Marshall, appointed by Kennedy for Federal Judge, has 15 communist-front citations. Max

Berner, news columnist for the New York Post, has 43 communist citations. Oscar Hammerstein II has 25 communist-front citations. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam has 36 communist-front citations. Bishop Edward L. Parsons has 108 communist-front citations. The list is endless.

Some time ago there appeared in the Saturday Evening Post a letter written by Walter Reuther while he was in training in Moscow, in which he had nothing but the highest praise and regard for the USSR, and his concluding sentence was, "Carry on the fight for a Soviet America." We can be thankful that most organized labor doesn't have this attitude. Nor have the socialists forgotten the capitalists in looking for converts. Many industrialists such as Joseph Fels of the Fels Naptha Soap Company, Corliss Lamont of the famous banking family, and a number of others have aided the socialists in their rise to power.

An investigation of many tax free foundations — Ford, Carnegie, Guggenheim, Rockefeller, and others — are found to be nesting places where known socialists have received encouragement and nourishment. Renowned authorities on communism and socialism say the only difference between the two is verbal.

Many of these people who have been investigated and questioned about lending their names and giving their support to communist front groups have offered the self-serving explanation that they were ignorant of the fact that these were communist organizations when they joined or helped organize.

A logical answer to this is, if they endorsed and subscribed to the views and philosophies of these organizations at the time they joined, then their ideologies must lean toward communism. I can understand an intelligent person getting duped once or twice, but not consistently. Actually, my viewpoint in this matter is probably too charitable.

Several anti-communist leaders, like Dr. Fred Schwartz, have proposed sound plans and ideas for the eventual defeat of communism. Our nation's leaders cannot offer anything but Foreign Aid which, at its inception, had some values but now for the most part is of dubious value, judging by all the so-called neutral nations of doubtful allegiance it has spawned. This policy of helping our enemies defies all reasoning and logic.

Our foreign policy has been one of censuring and offending tried and true anti-communist countries and aiding, upholding, defending, appeasing and pandering to a great number of illiterate, indolent spendthrift, backward countries whose loyalties can never be depended upon.

Communist propagandists have been so skillful and successful in deluding left-wingers about the evils of colonialism that they will probably be encouraged to start a new communist front organization called, "Give America Back to the Indians." When some of these do-gooder government theorists get through bankrupting America the Indians won't have it.

Colonialism is the only thing that has been able to give these backward countries any semblance of civilization. Haiti overthrew colonialism several hundred years ago. Liberia was founded as a free country, and yet with untold millions of dollars given in aid, these countries are still the most backward in the western hemisphere and Africa.

Communism is a disease of the mind and soul, not of the stomach. The chief investigator for the Senate Committee on Internal Subversion has stated that over 90% of the real dedicated communists in the U.S.A. and abroad are well-fed college graduates who had become indoctrinated in communist philosophies while attending institutions of higher learning.

William Colter, student director of Young Americans for Freedom, describes today's American colleges as a collection of "hot house liberals," a left wing brain laundry lacking in patriotism, bent upon

indoctrination, not education.

Several years ago a group of Harvard graduates became concerned with the great amounts of "Fabian" socialism-communism emanating from Harvard University. They founded the Veritas Foundation to make an investigation of communism-socialism in Harvard. From the reports of this investigation they wrote a book called KEYNES AT HARVARD. It is one of the most revealing books ever written exposing communism in Harvard and elsewhere, and can be bought for \$2.00 at Box 340 Wall Street Station, New York 5, New York.

This report points out that years ago the economic, sociology and anthropology departments at Harvard were selected to be infiltrated by the socialists-communists because of Harvard's great influence over the rest of the nation. The following paragraph taken from this report and appearing on page 16 of the book will more amply describe this infiltration and its far-reaching effects:

"Thus 40 years ago Harvard spawned left-wing bureaucrats, socialist-Marxists and socialist-Fabians (Keynesians) who acted as 'transmission belts' for communist penetration of the nation. The interlocking left-wing directorate spreading from Harvard into other universities, the government, and the whole social fabric of America is so great that it would take a score of volumes merely to classify the ramifications."

This report names many prominent Americans who were indoctrinated with Fabian socialism while attending Harvard, among them being Felix Frankfurter, Supreme Court Justice; Walter Lippman, news columnist; Owen Lattimore, State Department; Frederick Vanderbilt Fields, wealthy publisher, and many others.

The report also reveals it is no accident that large numbers of communist spies found in our government and elsewhere are Harvard graduates. While the report indicates a high regard for Harvard, it does suggest a good house cleaning.

Herbert Philbrick, who spent nine years in the communist party as a counter spy and T.B.I. agent, states: "one-third of the top echelon of communist conspirators are in the Health, Education and Welfare Department." Federal aid to Education is going to be administered by the Health, Education and Welfare Department — more brainwashing for our students. Of course, the proponents of Federal Aid innocently and piously exclaim, "but they aren't going to exercise any control over our educational system." (If they are going to distribute monies they are going to have a say on how it's spent.)

When our National Park Service was conceived eighty years ago its proponents didn't envision nor would they have sanctioned the slaughter of all by bureaucracy, but they are doing it now.

The National Task Force of Economic Education has brought out by investigation that students in many of our schools are being taught socialism is superior to free enterprise.

Russia has had socialism for 49 years and they still are unable to manufacture enough shoes to enable their citizens to buy more than one pair per year even if they are fortunate enough to have the rubles. Their few accomplishments have been achieved only by naked tyranny. Europe's spectacular recovery from World War II is attributed to free enterprise operating in an atmosphere of reducing government control and taxes, which are lower than in America.

In grasping for minds the communists haven't forgotten the clergymen. They now have nearly 40% of America's ministers who are unknowingly subscribing to a communist organized publication, "The Christian Century." You can well imagine what they are doing in other types of publications. The following paragraph copied from VERITAS, Foundation Report, P.

81, will give some reasons for this success:

"In the dissemination of their printed propaganda the Fabian-socialists have developed a skill almost unbelievable in its effectiveness. Most of the book-sellers in the United States use three basic guides in purchasing and sales promotion of new books. They are The New York Times Book Review, The New York Herald-Tribune Book Review and The Saturday Review. An examination of the reviews shows that a small Fabian socialist group has an amazing influence, not only in writing and publishing books America reads, but also in reviewing them.

"By concentrating on the three above mentioned reviewing sources this small group has managed to influence the direction of our whole society."

Wyoming residents were appalled at the action recently taken by the Wyoming Young Democrats in urging the abolishment of the house Un-American Activities Committee.

I might add the communist party is advocating this, too. The following is a statement by veteran communist leader Joseph Brandt made two months ago: "If we press Walter more, maybe we'll press him right into the McCarthy grave. We will nail shut the Walter coffin." He then demanded a concerted campaign against the House Un-American Activities Committee and its chairman, able and loyal Democrat Francis E. Walter, from Pennsylvania, who was investigating a new communist front named the National Assembly for Democratic Rights.

On June 6, 1961, Khrushchev made a speech that might enlighten us. He ordered the communist parties all over the world, especially those in the United States, to further unite with liberal and minority groups for limited objectives and to use every device to degrade and belittle American principles, achievements and free enterprise.

There are only 10 thousand communists in the United States, but there are over one million fellow travelers helping carry on their treacherous work. A fellow traveler is one who has breathed the foul air of leftism for so long that his mind is completely imbued with communist doctrines and so, for all practical purposes, should be considered communist.

Communism can be vanquished by arming yourself with knowledge, upholding and adhering to our constitution and free enterprise.

The government printing office has many good publications on the communist criminal conspiracy. Order some today; they are free. Read Edgar Hoover's book, "The Masters of Deceit." There is a good lending library of anti-communist books in Casper now.

Vote wisely. Is your candidate speaking out against communism or is he advocating the passing of more laws to sacrifice your precious heritage of freedom on the altar of socialism? Is he advocating more welfare statism to further rob our citizens of all initiative, ambition and self respect? Let us help the less fortunate, not the less ambitious.

Is your candidate advocating more unfair taxes and restrictive punitive laws to further destroy free enterprise and states rights, or does he pride himself in being a moderate? (This is comparable to neutralism.) This label usually identifies him as being a weak, vacillating, compromising appeaser who has nothing to offer because he lacks the strength to carry out his own convictions even if they are right.

If, in your estimation, your candidate does a good job, write him a letter telling him so. If not, write and criticize him. The battle against communism isn't someone else's responsibility, but your own. No wonder some of us have a feeling of uneasiness.

RALPH SCHAUS
CASPER, WYOMING

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INFORMATION
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INTERNAL SECURITY

On 2/5/62 [redacted]

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[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that on the previous Thursday night, 2/1/62 [redacted] telephone number [redacted] was at [redacted] home. [redacted] advised that [redacted] had business cards to the effect that he represented the John Birch Society and was organizing chapters in Colorado. He was at [redacted] home to show a film regarding the organization and activities of the society.

[redacted] stated that during the course of the showing of this film [redacted] made the statement, "Although J. EDGAR HOOVER cannot officially endorse the society, he definitely approves of its aims and purposes."

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[redacted] was making inquiry as to whether this was an accurate statement. [redacted] was advised that neither the FBI nor its Director endorses any organization, and he was thanked for the information he furnished.

Unless advised to the contrary, Denver will contact [redacted] and severely admonish him for attempting to quote the Director without the Director's knowledge or consent.

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY,
CASPER, WYOMING
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
INTERNAL SECURITY

On February 12, 1962 an anonymous telephone call was received by SA [redacted] Resident Agent at Casper, Wyoming, advising that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY is in favor of censuring the Department of Justice, Attorney General ROBERT F. KENNEDY, and President JOHN F. KENNEDY for the exchange of [redacted] for FRANCIS GARY POWERS. This person further advised that after the FBI had worked tediously to break up the espionage activities of [redacted] the Administration now sees fit to release [redacted] for that "traitor" POWERS.

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Charge Birch Philosophy In Junction Junior High

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (UPI)—The adoption of a policy covering teaching of controversial issues in Mesa County schools is expected to generate a heated controversy.

The board of School District 51 adopted the policy late Monday during a marathon meeting that extended into the early morning hours.

The policy takes note of alleged discussion of controversial issues in classrooms, particularly at Grand Junction Junior High, and provides for dismissal of a teacher who strays too far from teaching methods approved by the administration.

Board members said the policy was necessary because certain extreme political views had been brought up in class at the junior high school, particularly the "extreme right wing, or the so-called John Birch Society philosophy."

The subject was not scheduled for discussion at the Monday night

meeting, but board member T. S. Ary insisted the matter should be discussed. The board went into executive session and emerged at 10 p.m. with the policy adopted.

Public notices of the meeting did not contain mention of the question. But Mrs. Harry Talbot of Palisade, a member of the Colorado Council of Instruction, gave the board copies of a policy said to be used in Denver public schools and said that the council was working on a policy of its own, which could be used as a guide in state schools. At that

Ary moved to discuss the matter.

The board said that parents had protested the actions of a junior high teacher in discussing controversial philosophies with students, but the teacher was not identified.

But lab instructor Keith Clark said the teacher in the spotlight was himself.

Clark said he "never had done nor said one thing in my class for which I will apologize."

Clark charged the administration was pressuring him for his opposition to federal aid to education. "I am on record as opposed to

federal aid to education," he said, "and this, of course, treads on the toes of the administration."

Clark charged the administration stemmed from the showing last year of the film, "Operation Abolition." He said he was approached by Superintendent I. K. Boltz and asked his opinion on showing the film. Clark said he told Boltz he had seen the film and thought it would be all right to exhibit.

Later, Clark said he was accused of passing out Birch Society literature, a charge which he labeled "completely false."

This supposedly resulted from parental protests," Clark said, "but these parents have remained completely anonymous. They have not called me, nor have they put in an appearance at school board meetings."

Clark said the film aroused a tremendous amount of interest and the students were "full of questions" after it was shown. "I attempted to answer their questions," Clark said.

"The board has the power to pass a law," Clark said, "then they sit in judgment of that law and are also the jury. There is no appeal."

The other teachers are "frightened," Clark said, "and they won't say a word."

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From: Director, FBI (62-104401)

**JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Reurlet 2/13/62 furnishing information received from [redacted] to the effect that [redacted] of [redacted] advised "although J. Edgar Hoover cannot officially endorse the society, he definitely approves of its aims and purposes."

Bufiles contain no identifiable references to [redacted]. You are instructed to immediately contact him and severely admonish him for making statements indicating that the Director approves of the aims and purposes of the John Birch Society. He should be told in no uncertain terms that he should refrain from making such statements in the future.

The above interview should be conducted by two experienced Agents and the Bureau should be promptly notified of the results of the interview immediately upon its termination.

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1405 G Street, N. W., Washington 5, D. C. NAtional 8-7911

March 6, 1962

**The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.**

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The annual convention of our organization will be meeting in Denver, Colorado, April 10-12 at the Denver Hilton Hotel. Several thousand people will be in attendance including the leaders of numerous segments of the Protestant public.

During the convention a carillon will play hymns from the top of the Denver Hilton Hotel and we intend to select the favorite hymns of public officials such as yourself to be played at that time.


In this connection we would appreciate if you could send us within the next few days the title of one of your favorite hymns for inclusion in the list. There is already considerable publicity interest in this phrase of the convention program and we expect it to be a real inspiration to the people in the Denver area.

Sincerely yours,

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March 9, 1962


The National Association
of Evangelicals
1405 G Street, Northwest
Washington 5, D. C.

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Dear 

Your letter of March 8th has been received, and it was good of you to write as you did. In response to your request, it is a pleasure to advise that my favorite hymn is "Throw Out the Lifeline."

Sincerely yours,

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Bufile fails to indicate reply setting forth results of contact with [redacted] If results of contact have been submitted, advise date and caption of communication transmitting same. If not submitted, you should do so by return airtel.

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FROM: SAC, DENVER (62-1623)

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On 3/1/62 [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed by SAS [redacted]
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[redacted] advised he is [redacted]
[redacted] a series of gasoline service
stations, but at present is not devoting full-time to his
business, but rather is spending most of his time promoting
and organizing local John Birch Society chapters and study
groups. He said their prime purpose is fighting Communism
and main objective is the stamping out of Communism in the
United States.

[redacted] was questioned about a statement, or statements
made to the effect that "Although J. EDGAR HOOVER cannot of-
ficially endorse this society, he definitely approves of its
aims and purposes." He said he could not recall making such
a statement, but admitted he has often talked to individuals
and groups about how Mr. HOOVER is opposed to Communism and
is doing all in his power to fight Communism in the United
States. He said he has pointed out that the John Birch
Society is likewise fighting Communism. He said he knows
that Mr. HOOVER cannot officially endorse the John Birch
Society. He said, in speaking about Mr. HOOVER's fight
against Communism, some people may have misinterpreted his

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remarks, and assumed that he [] was saying Mr. HOOVER would approve of the aims and purposes of his society.

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[] stated he regretted that anyone had so misinterpreted his remarks, and said he has the highest regard and the greatest respect for Mr. HOOVER, whom he considers a man of the highest integrity, and one who has consistently over the years shown so much foresight and dedication in his fight against crime and subversion. He said he regularly recommends the reading of Mr. HOOVER's book "Masters of Deceit," and other publications of Mr. HOOVER, particularly those dealing with Communism and internal security matters.

It was emphatically pointed out to [] that Mr. HOOVER does not endorse his society and anyone saying that he does so and that he approves of its aims and purposes is speaking without foundation and with utter disregard of facts. [] was severely admonished for making such statements as have been attributed to him, or even indicating that Mr. HOOVER approves of the aims and purposes of the John Birch Society. He was told vehemently and definitely that he should refrain from making such statements in the future.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC DENVER ()

DATE: 3/21/62

FROM : S.A. []

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of AMERICAN DEFENSE dated Jan. 1960 as published by []
of [] WELCH, JR., FAC., PEABODY, 76, Massachusetts containing
a feature article "WY DON'T FORGIVE US" initially
published by HENRY REGANRY CO, Chicago, Ill in 1952.
Such article purportedly "gives historical background
regarding dismissal of General 'McArthur." []

[] stated he was calling []
to attention inasmuch as [] had indicated although
had not definitely stated that he was "interested in or
connected with the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY." 62-1623

[] concluded that should he learn
more concerning any possible questionable connections
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[redacted] Pueblo Police Department advised as follows:

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[redacted] He is described approximately as

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He recently told [redacted] that he is a member of the ~~JOHN BIRCH~~ John Birch Society. He spoke to students at South High School, Pueblo, 4/12/62, apparently on the Communist danger.

[redacted] has seen a considerable amount of literature on display at [redacted] for consumption by youngsters which seems to be legitimate. However, in his talk, he seems to highly overstress the internal Communist danger. It seemed to [redacted] that, since he is so very vehement in his apparent exaggerations, that he will probably frighten the youngsters rather than to strengthen their determination to fight and oppose Communism.

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On 4/15/62 at Pueblo, Colo.

by SA [redacted]

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TO : SAC

DATE: 12/17/62

FROM :

SA [redacted]

SUBJECT:

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Attached is FD 302 containing results of interview with [redacted]
[redacted] Pueblo, Colo. P. D. re subject.

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TO : SAC, DENVER (62-0)

DATE: 3/14/62

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Casper, Wyoming
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On 3/14/62, [REDACTED] Civil Service Commission, appeared at the Resident Agency and advised that during a routine applicant investigation which he was conducting he had occasion to interview [REDACTED]

He stated that [REDACTED] advised him that a secretary in [REDACTED] office had informed her that the subject was "a Communist and disloyal to the United States Government."

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He further advised that he did not go any further into details with [REDACTED] but advised her that he would pass the allegation along to the FBI.

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If the SAC desires, I will contact [REDACTED] and interview her regarding more specific details regarding this allegation and also identify the Secretary who furnished her this information.

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DATE: 5/1/62

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Re mymemo of 3/14/62.

AT CASPER, WYOMING:

On 4/7/62, [REDACTED] advised that the above captioned subject is the [REDACTED] assigned to Casper. She stated that on company time the subject carries on a great deal of personal correspondence with U.S. Senator BARRY M. GOLDWATER and is an avid member of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. She stated that when she reported this to [REDACTED] for the U.S. Civil Service Commission he evidently misunderstood her when she told him she believed the subject was disloyal to the United States Government.

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[REDACTED] stated that she obtained her information concerning the subject from the [REDACTED]. She advised that after talking to the Civil Service Investigator she again visited with the [REDACTED] at which time [REDACTED] informed her that the subject was an active member of the BIRCH SOCIETY and constantly in communication with such persons as DAN SMOUT.

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[REDACTED] She advised that [REDACTED] informed her that the subject was very anti-communist and devoted more time to this field than to his company duties.

On 4/7/62, [REDACTED] advised that she is the [REDACTED] and that the subject is not a communist but is violently anti-communist. She stated that he is a member of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY and subscribes to all of the known anti-communist publications in which he "can get is hands on". She advised that the subject is the [REDACTED] and that his annual salary is in excess of \$ 100,000 per year. She stated that the subject

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is in constant communication with the following people and believes in their principles for fighting communism : Senator BARRY GOLDWATER, [redacted] DAN SMOOT, [redacted] and numerous others.

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[redacted] advised that the only way to characterize the subject is to say he " a nut on Communism" and that the field of anti-communism has almost become an obsession with him. She stated that during the business day he devotes approximately three quarters of the day in writing to the above people for an exchange of ideas on how to combat communism. She stated that the company is aware of his activities

[redacted] advised that during the 1960 Presidential Campaign Vice President LYDON D. JOHNSON personally called the [redacted] and asked [redacted] to "get [redacted] that nut of my back". She further advised that because the subject is a large stock holder in the company and a long time employee [redacted] has very little control over him. She stated that because of his activities the company transferred him to Casper to "bury him", however they have not been very successful in doing this.

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Birch Society Sign Standing Despite Attack

Special to The Rocky Mountain News
STRATTON, Dec. 19 — Colorado's first publicly acknowledged chapter of the John Birch Society had this community in turmoil Wednesday as anti-Birchists attempted to destroy a highway sign which the Birch Society followers had erected.

The sign, three miles east of Stratton on U.S. 24, bears the picture of an American flag and the legend:

"Save Our Republic, Impeach Earl Warren, Join John Birch Society."

It also bears the name of Jim Loeffler, chapter chairman and nearby farmer. It is standing on private land belonging to Loeffler's father, George.

Loeffler said attempts to destroy the sign had resulted in its being smeared with inflammables. One leg has been burned away, but it is still standing.

He said the chapter was organized after the appearance in Denver last year of Robert Welch, founder of the society.

Loeffler said he had written Atty. Gen. Duke Dunbar asking protection for the sign.

The attorney general said he had not yet received the letter. "The only way we could protect it would be for the governor to call out the National Guard. I doubt he'd do that," Dunbar declared.

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ON PRIVATE LAND

Birchist Sign Stirs East Colorado Row

By TOM GAVIN

Denver Post Staff Writer

A week-long furore over a John Birch Society billboard near Stratton, Colo., has rocked that small Eastern Colorado community.

A number of attempts have been made to destroy the sign, which calls for the impeachment of Supreme Court Justice

the man who erected the large sign near U.S. 24 three miles east of Stratton.

The billboard bears a reproduction of the American flag and reads: "Save Our Republic, Impeach Earl Warren, Join John Birch Society." It also advises persons wishing additional information to write to QCOC, Stratton, Colo.

Few Members

Earl Warren, and its owner Wednesday asked Atty. Gen. Duke W. Dunbar for its protection.

The Stratton chapter of the ultra-conservative organization is the first known to exist in Colorado.

The chapter chairman is James Loeffler, a farmer and

Those code letters, Loeffler said Wednesday, identify the Stratton chapter of the usually-secret society.

Loeffler said the chapter has "just a few" members, but declined to say exactly how many.

The sign was erected a week ago on private property owned by the Loeffler family. Since then there have been at least three attempts to burn it.

"It's just another Operation Abolition," Loeffler said, in a reference to a California group opposed to procedures of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

J. C. Carnathan, editor and publisher of the Stratton Press, said attempts to destroy the Birch sign have been made by unknown Stratton residents "who just don't like it."

"Most of the people here are afraid that everyone will get the impression that this is the state headquarters of the John Birch Society," Carnathan said. "It isn't. There are just a handful of them."

The publisher expressed fear that the Loeffler billboard may lead to violence and bloodshed.

"I think it could get that serious unless the sign goes down,"

Carnathan said. "It's affecting the whole community. I understand that even the school kids are picking on children of the Birchers."

The Birch Society sign was guarded for a time, but Loeffler said Wednesday it is not guarded now. "It's just about destroyed," he said.

The billboard has been splashed with oil and paint in apparent attempts to make it more flammable.

It was ignited most recently Sunday night—during a 20-minute period when a guard went into town. Stratton Fire Department members responded to the Sunday night call, but the blaze was out when they arrived.

Loeffler said he has written Dunbar asking for protection of the billboard.

FLAG CALLED FACTOR

"It's on private property and we put a lot of work and money in it," the farmer said. "And it carries the flag of the United States."

Midway through a telephone conversation with the Birch Society chapter president a buzzing noise was heard on the line. Loeffler immediately said he would not talk on "a tapped line" and suggested that any further questions be presented in a letter.

"Let's do it in writing," he said, "so that something I say won't be twisted. I do not give you permission to quote me unless it is in writing."

His tone remained friendly, though, and he added that his chapter's meetings are open to the public. "Anyone who wishes may come," he said. "Just so that we are asked ahead of time so we know how many to plan for."

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DENVER, COLORADO

Date: 12/19/62
Edition: HOME EDITION
Author: TOM GAVIN
Editor: PALMER HOYT
Title: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Character:

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Classification: 62-1623-61
Submitting Office: DENVER

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About 15 Chapters in State, Paid Birch Organizer Admits

Colorado has approximately 15 separate chapters of the ultra-conservative John Birch Society, it was learned Thursday.

And the society has maintained a fulltime paid Colorado organizer in Boulder for 16 months.

The Birch Society organizational employee is Donald V. Vondra, 36, who has lived in Boulder 12 years and formerly operated a string of six service stations there.

Until a town fight erupted in Stratton, Colo., over a Birchist billboard erected there last week it had not been known that any society chapter existed in Colorado.

Vondra Thursday confirmed a report that he works for the society, as "coordinator," but would give only sketchy information about the right-wing organization in the state.

Asked how many chapters there are in Colorado, Vondra replied: "I can't say."

"I can only answer questions in a yes-and-no manner," he added.

There then followed this conversation:

Are there other chapters in the state besides the one in Stratton?

"Yes."

More than 20?

"No."

More than 10?

"Yes."

Approximately 15?

"As I said, I'm not allowed to divulge the number."

Vondra then relaxed his yes-and-no approach and said, in reply to other questions, that:

—There is a Boulder chapter of the controversial John Birch Society.

IN BOTH PARTIES

—The organization has members active in both major political parties, and that one of its goals is to stimulate political activity by citizens.

—His job is to coordinate local chapters and "try to keep them on the track so they don't wander off on petty fights on local problems . . . things like that."

—He also helps new chapters to form and works out of his home at 3030 14th St. in Boulder.

The Birch Society has no connection with the Citizens Information Center in Boulder, an organization mentioned favorably in one of his newsletters by James Leoffler, chairman of the Stratton Birch Society chapter.

Vondra said he could not divulge—and does not know—the

total society membership in Colorado.

"I know that sounds odd," he said, "but many times we have members I do not know—what

we call 'home members' who may live in remote areas and not be in a formal chapter."

Society membership, Vondra said, is growing in Colorado.

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THE LEVER POST

LEVER, COLORADO

Date: DECEMBER 20, 1962

Edition: HOME

Author:

Editor: PALMER HOYT

Title: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Character: MISC. INFO.

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Birch Sign Local Issue, Dunbar Says

Atty. Gen. Duke W. Dunbar said Thursday he has no power to protect a John Birch Society billboard near Stratton, Colo., which has been the object of three burning attempts.

Dunbar said he has not yet received the letter mailed by James Leoffler, a Stratton farmer and chairman of the Birch Society chapter which erected the sign a week ago. "But I don't know how to help him," the attorney general said. "When I get the letter I'll have to tell him that protection of his sign is a local matter and will have to be handled by local authorities."

Following is the text of Leoffler's letter to Dunbar:

"Being a farmer and unfamiliar with the process of the law and for lack of knowledge as to how to proceed and having met you at the Harvest House last August, I would like to bring a situation to your attention that is taking place out here in East-ern Colorado.

"My father has some property on U.S. Highway 24 three miles east of Stratton, Colo. I have placed a sign on this land since I have put it up some elements in this community have made five attempts to burn it down.

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DENVER, COLORADO

Date: DEC 21 1962
Edition: 10:11
Author:
Editor: JAMES LEOFFLER
Title: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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EASTERN COLORADANS AROUSED**Feuds Brew as Town Splits
Over Birchist Sign**

By TOM GAVIN

Denver Post Staff Writer

STRATTON, Colo. — Distrust, animosity and a very real fear of potential violence lies just below the surface of this outwardly calm Eastern Colorado farming community.

The cause: A small but implacable chapter of the far-right John Birch Society—and a large Birchist billboard calling stridently for the impeachment of Earl Warren, chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Three to five attempts—depending upon who is talking—have been made to burn and chop the Birch Society billboard to the ground.

"And now there's talk of dynamiting it," a woman said here Wednesday night.

"This town is split right down the middle. People who have known each other all their lives aren't speaking to each other," said another.

"It isn't over yet. And I'm afraid somebody'll be hurt before it is," another Stratton resident said.

None of these persons—in a measure of the intensity of concern which grips this Kit Carson County town—would talk for publication. Their views and fears were expressed only after guarantees of anonymity.

Less reticent—but paradoxically, even more cautious—was the storm center of the John Birch Society furore which is rocking Stratton.

James Leoffler, 40, a farmer and a native of the Stratton area. He is also chairman of the QCOC chapter of the John Birch Society—one of 15 units of the ultra-conservative and controversial organization known to exist in Colorado.

James Leoffler is also the man principally responsible for the inflammatory billboard which most townspeople vow must go—and which he unbudgingly declares will stay in place.

Leoffler greeted a Post reporter-photographer team civilly at his small farmhouse Wednesday night.

"Write out your questions and I'll write out my answers," he said. "I'd like everything in writing."

When the puzzled reporter suggested that such a procedure might lengthen a conversation interminably, Leoffler agreed that a glance at the reporter's notes would suffice. And then he apparently silently waived that condition, since he neither looked at the notes nor mentioned it again.

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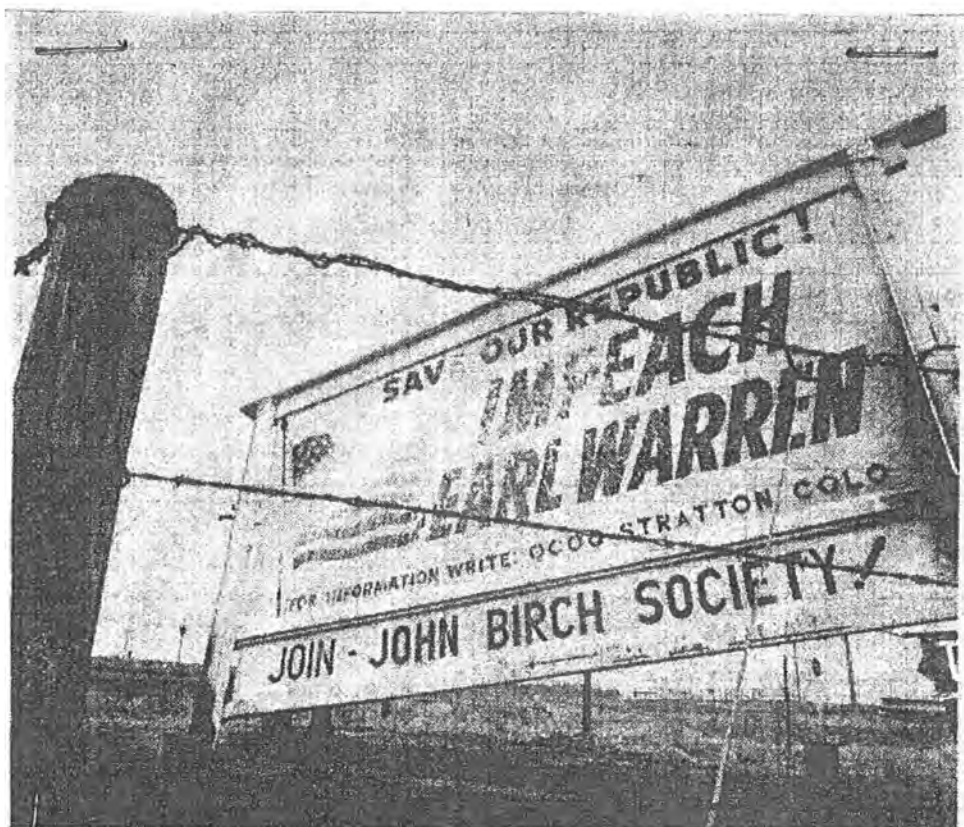
THE DENVER POST
DENVER, COLORADO

Date: DECEMBER 20,
1960
Edition: HOME
Author: TOM GAVIN
Editor: FARMER BOYD
Title: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Character: R.I.C. INFO.
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Denver Post Photo by Duane Howell

SIGN AT STRATTON, COLO., SHOWS DAMAGE FROM ATTEMPTS TO DESTROY IT
Erected by the John Birch Society, billboard calls for impeachment of Earl Warren.

Leoffler's request, it turned out, was a clue to his own beliefs and personality. It was patterned on a practice of Robert H. W. Welch Jr., founder of the John Birch Society, who often insists that everything he says or writes is copyrighted and reproducible only with his express permission.

Welch's views and practices, it soon became apparent, are gospel—and that word is apt—with Leoffler.

"I've read every word the John Birch Society said, and I agree with everything," he said. "At first, some of the things I disagreed with—but the more I studied, the more I decided I was wrong and he (Welch) is right."

It was from a Birch Society monthly study pamphlet that Leoffler got the idea for the sign which triggered all the trouble in Stratton. A picture of a similar sign erected at Ehrhardt, S.C., by other Birchists is in the pamphlet. Leoffler's billboard is an exact copy.

The sign, beside U.S. 24 three miles east of Stratton, is on property owned by Leoffler's father, George Leoffler. It was erected Dec. 12, has a professional appearance but was made over a 30-

day period by Leoffler and fellow Birchists. It reads:

"Save Our Republic! Impeach Earl Warren. For Information Write: QCOC Stratton, Colo. Join John Birch Society!"

The 22-by-13-foot billboard now tilts at a crazy angle and is partly illegible.

One of its two large supporting posts has been burned and chopped through.

One of its sides has been splashed with pale blue paint. The empty gallon paint can is on the ground nearby.

The other side is spattered with aluminum paint, which once was in a discarded one-pint can nearby, and defaced with what appears to be crankcase oil.

A smaller sign below the billboard reads: "First Freedom—Freedom To Do Good Only." Once a long strip, it has been broken in two and is now nailed up in pieces.

CHARRED BY FIRE

The entire structure is charred on the bottom from fire. Stratton residents say three attempts to burn it down have been made. Leoffler numbers the attempts at five.

A 4-strand barbed wire fence, appropriately, surrounds the battered but still upright sign.

"That sign is private property, and on private property," Leoffler said. "Those people who are trying to destroy it are violating the law."

"If the sign is violating the law, I'll take it down myself. And if anybody can show me anything wrong with what the sign says, I'll change it. But let 'em put their reasons in writing. I put everything in writing."

Leoffler hints he knows who has been assaulting the sign,

but won't say whom he suspects. He also hints the entire affair may have communistic overtones—but won't say so.

WANTS FOES REVEALED

"I'd like to know who my enemies are. Who wants that sign down, and why?" he asked.

"And why does everybody want to know who the members of the John Birch Society are? To knock them off?" he asked.

Do you think that's the reason people are curious about membership of your chapter?

"I don't know. But why, then?"

Do you seriously think there are Communists or Communist sympathizers in Kit Carson County?

"I don't know. Ask Robert Kennedy (U.S. attorney general)."

A man in Stratton partially answered Leoffler's questions later. But he, too, saying "I'm in business here, I don't want to be quoted," would speak only anonymously.

"We're not in favor of it because it's just a radical group," he said. "Most of 'em (Stratton residents) feel it's an outfit that's up to no good."

USE OF FLAG CRITICIZED

"I think the people got riled because they put the American flag on there (the sign), and the words 'Stratton, Colo.' We don't want to be known as the headquarters of the Birchers in Colorado," he added.

Variations of that reason for anti-sign feeling were offered by many residents.

"It's giving the town a bad name," said one. "They know about us down in Pueblo, now," said another. "They know they don't have all the crazy people."

One form of potential violence

dared among Stratton High school students Monday. Involved in the school grounds disputes—details of which nobody seemed clear upon—were sophomore students who are children of adults on both sides of the conflict. Birchers' children were apparently threatened.

"I clamped down quick," said Principal Oscar Smith. "I told them there would be no threatening and that minority rights must be respected. And I haven't heard a thing since Monday."

Smith, incidentally, is about the only Stratton resident contacted by The Post who feels the billboard trouble is past. And he implied that his fingers are crossed.

There are rumors in Stratton, too, that a group of high school boys threatened to beat Loeffler because he had implied they might have been involved in the sign burnings. Loeffler is said to have used the words "Communist sympathizers" in that connection.

The Birch Society unit chairman did not accuse the youngsters, or use that phrase, when asked about it during the interview, though.

A Loeffler letter to Atty. Gen. Duke W. Dunbar, asking protection for his sign, included this phrase, however:

"It seems to be common rumor in the high school in Stratton as to what, when, and how some individuals planned and tried to burn this sign."

The letter also expressed Loeffler's feeling that local law enforcement officers have not "taken all the action they should to uphold the law."

Although the Birch Society has generally been a secretive organization, Loeffler has been anything but close-mouthed on his membership—and on his generally conservative views.

He is a man who mixes strong religious feeling with extreme patriotism and an outspoken anti-Communist outlook.

The American flag hangs on one wall of his home. His rural route mail box has a blue post, a white box and a red signal flag.

His smallest daughter was dressed in a red, white and blue dress Wednesday night.

The flag often flies on a staff in his front yard—and he recently criticized county officials for not flying the flag in front of the Kit Carson Courthouse in Burlington.

Loeffler sporadically mimeographs copies of his personal views on a great variety of subjects, including politics, and mails them to most Kit Carson County residents.

He reproduces more than 2,000 copies of each issue, under the standing title of "Moment of Thought."

Various issues have attacked the federal income tax, immorality, federal farm legislation, political liberals and the school prayer decision of the Supreme Court. The John Birch Society is frequently praised.

MEMBERSHIP OFFERED

Loeffler opened his conversation with The Post team Wednesday by making a serious attempt to sign each man up for a \$5 trial membership in the Birch Society. Monthly pamphlet mailings, he assured the reporter and photographer, would come in a plain envelope.

Loeffler said the letters QCOC are a code identification of the Stratton chapter of the society. They stand for, he said, "Quick Christian, Offer Charity."

"That's just something we made up to fit the letters, though," he added. "Welch assigned us the letters and I don't know what they mean to him."

Loeffler declined to say how many members his Birch Society chapter has. He used the phrase, "just a few." Town residents variously estimated the chapter's size at from 7 to 15. Stratton's population is approximately 800.

Although the great majority of residents shied away from discussing the Birch Society situation in Stratton publicly, a few willing to be quoted were found at an after-dark Christmas carol singing session in City Park.

"I don't think much of that sign—or what happened, either," said Howard Hartman. "But the people are pretty worked up about it, and it could flare up again."

Ed Buhr, a Stratton Co-Op employee, suggested the entire matter will die down "if they'll just leave it alone." He predicted the sign ultimately will be taken down.

"It doesn't make a lot of difference to me, either way," said Andrew Selenke, a farmer. "But these people have got to live together, and their children have got to live together. If this drags on, it's going to be neighbor against neighbor—friend against closest friend."

"I wouldn't want to be the one to put up a sign like that, and I sure wouldn't want to be the ones who tried to take it down that way," said Smith, the principal.

A Stratton man identified as a society member refused to discuss the matter at all.

Loeffler said he has been avoiding places in town where

"a ruckus" might start. And he's committed "100 pct." to a personal policy of non-violence, he added.

"It's the law's duty to protect my property," he said. "If they want to burn down my sign, all right. If they want to burn down my house, all right."

"One of the four freedoms," he added, "is the freedom from fear. And we haven't had that around here."

Across the highway from the beleaguered billboard Wednesday night was a highway caution sign bearing a single word: "Think."



Denver Post Photos by Duane Howell

JAMES LEOFFLER, AT LEFT, IS THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT.
He is shown with his family at his farmhouse near Stratton, Colo.



ANDREW SELENKE
"Neighbor against neighbor."



OSCAR SMITH
"I clamped down quick."



ED BUHR
"Just leave it alone."



HOWARD HARTMAN
"It could flare up again."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-new)

DATE: 12-24-62

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
[redacted] Complainant
SECURITY MATTER

At 10:25 AM this date [redacted] [redacted] called office asking for SA [redacted] [redacted] stated he then had in his office [redacted] who recently made local headlines as a member of John Birch Society, who had a [redacted]

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[redacted] stated [redacted] contacted [redacted] complaining that "the Communist Party" at Stratton was out to get him and making threats against his life and property. [redacted] stated he wants [redacted] to talk to SA [redacted] concerning such matter.

[redacted] who resides [redacted] [redacted] refuses to go back to his residence, for fear of possible threats or reprisals. [redacted] stated apparently [redacted] has not been threatened directly, but other friends of [redacted] (apparently fellow Birchers) have told [redacted] of alleged threats.

[redacted] stated [redacted] is afraid to return to his ranch, and intends to remain in Denver for a few days. [redacted] will stay at the residence of [redacted] [redacted], telephone [redacted] questioned concerning protection, and was advised that protection, as such, is a local matter. [redacted] indicated that the Sheriff and DA at Kit Carson, who allegedly cover Stratton, were disinterested in furnishing protection. I again advised [redacted] that we did not furnish protection.

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[redacted] after talking with [redacted] requested that SA [redacted] call [redacted] at [redacted] in the AM of 7-26-62, in order that [redacted] may be interviewed on the Communist allegation.

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OFFICE OF COUNTY SHERIFF

KIT CARSON COUNTY
PHONE 71-W
BURLINGTON, COLORADO

December 19, 1962

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Dear [REDACTED]

Please find enclosed photographs of a sign which has been placed on U.S. Highway No. 24 between Bethune, Colorado and Stratton, Colorado. It is rather difficult to determine whether or not this sign is anti-american, anti-Warren or anti-both. In any event, we felt that this matter should be brought to your attention in order that you as a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, would be fully aware of the activity of a very minor number of people in the County of Kit Carson. With kindest personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

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Kit Carson County, Colorado.

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Director, FBI (62-104401)

Jan. 15, 1963

SAC, Denver (62-1623)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
STRATTON, COLORADO
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

The Bureau has been furnished newspaper clippings regarding a feud developing in the small farming community of Stratton, Colorado, as a result of a signboard placed on property [redacted] area. The sign contains the following:

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"Save Our Republic! Impeach Earl Warren.
For information write QCOC, Stratton, Colo.
Join - John Birch Society!"

On December 24, 1962, [redacted] in Denver, Colorado, and a [redacted] contacted this office and stated that [redacted] was in Denver and was fearful for his life and wanted to contact the FBI.

On December 26, 1962, [redacted] visited the Denver Office and advised he was the [redacted] of the John Birch Society at Stratton and that as a result of [redacted] a sign, described above, he has received certain harassment. He stated that on four or five occasions unknown individuals had attempted to burn the sign and that on three occasions he had received a phone call from some unknown man who made sarcastic remarks. [redacted] said he would co-operate in any way with the FBI.

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[] was specifically advised that if he is fearful for himself and his family and wanted protection for his property, he should contact the local law enforcement officials.

He stated he had contacted [] Kit Carson County, Colorado. He stated he has not received any satisfaction from []

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[] was then told that perhaps he should contact his local district attorney. He stated that he would.

The above is being furnished for the Bureau's information in order to record that there is a John Birch Society located in Stratton, Colorado. It is to be noted further from a newspaper clipping of the "Denver Post" dated December 20, 1962, that [] told the newspaper reporter that there are from seven to fifteen members in the chapter in Stratton.

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It is also reported in the December 20, 1962, issue of the "Denver Post" that [] who identified himself as the [] of the John Birch Society, stated there are approximately fifteen separate chapters of the John Birch Society in Colorado.

No investigation is being conducted regarding the John Birch Society; however, any information that comes to our attention is being maintained for future reference.

Director, FBI (62-104401)

Jan. 30, 1963

SAC, Denver (62-1623)

UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION AND
SALE OF DIRECTOR'S SPEECH;
CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTER,
BOULDER, COLORADO
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

There is enclosed a leaflet entitled "We Are At War With This Sinister Conspiracy," which is the address of the Director of October 9, 1962. The last page of the publication reports that additional copies may be secured from the Citizens Information Center, P. O. Box 1085, Boulder, Colorado. It is noted that copies are being sold, ten copies for \$1.00, and at reduced rates for greater number of copies. This leaflet was furnished to SA [redacted] along with a newsletter published [redacted] Stratton, Colorado. It is noted that [redacted] is publicly known as the [redacted] of the John Birch Society at Stratton.

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[redacted] Post Office Inspector, Denver, Colorado, advised on January 14, 1962, that P. O. Box [redacted] was requested on February 7, 1962, by [redacted] Citizens Information Center; 1707 Pearl Street, Boulder, Colorado.

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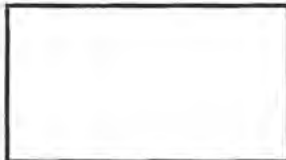
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It is to be noted that the Citizens Information Center is a small book store in the building which houses the Colorado Land and Investment Company in Boulder.

Established source [redacted] advised that the [redacted] of Colorado Land and Investment Company is [redacted]
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The Boulder City Directories reflect that [redacted]
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Established source [redacted] is of the opinion that there is a man named [redacted] who operates a [redacted] in Boulder and in the past has been associated with [redacted]

[redacted] is the publicly known [redacted] of the John Birch Society in the State of Colorado.

It appears, therefore, that individuals connected with the John Birch Society are selling the enclosed Director's speech under the name of the Citizens Information Center.

If the records of the Bureau reflect that this organization has not been authorized to print and sell the Director's speeches, it is recommended that the Denver Office be authorized to contact the officials of the Citizens Information Center and advise them that the printing and sale of the Director's speeches must cease immediately.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 1/23/63

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Purpose and results of contact	
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[REDACTED]	
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	
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Date: 2-6-63

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority or Method of Mailing)*JBA*
To: SAC, Denver (62-1623)

From: Director, FBI

CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTER
POST OFFICE BOX 1085
BOULDER, COLORADO
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)
BUDED 2-15-63

Reurlet 1-30-63 regarding the unauthorized publication and sale of my address at Las Vegas, Nevada, October 9, 1962, by the above-captioned organization.

Bufiles contain no record that the Citizens Information Center, Boulder, Colorado, or any of the individuals associated with it, as identified in the reference communication, have received permission to reprint my Las Vegas address of October 9, 1962. Consequently, as indicated in your communication, representatives of your office should immediately contact appropriate officials of the Citizens Information Center and request they desist from selling copies of my address as indicated on the last page of their reprint. They should also be informed that the FBI would appreciate knowing, as a common courtesy, that they are reprinting copies of my addresses. In the past, the FBI has given permission to nonprofit citizen groups to reprint copies of my remarks in connection with their endeavors of public service. However, the FBI has always refrained from extending such cooperation to organizations of a commercial nature.

The results of your inquiry should reach the Bureau prior to 2-15-63.

Sent Via _____ M

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AIR MAIL

To: DIRECTOR, FBI

From: SAC, DENVER (62-1623) (C) *it*

CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTER
POST OFFICE BOX 1085
BOULDER, COLORADO
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

Re Denver letter 1/30/63, and Buairtel 2/6/63.

In accordance with Bureau instructions set forth in reBuairtel. SA's [redacted] and [redacted] contacted [redacted]

[redacted] advised he is employed at the [redacted] He advised that he is one of [redacted] the Citizens Information Center located at 1707 Pearl St., Boulder. He stated that [redacted] and [redacted] of the Citizens Information Center, were not in Boulder on that date.

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Copy of the Director's speech before the American Legion 10/9/62, as printed by the Citizens Information Center, was displayed to [redacted] He was advised that the Citizens Information Center should desist from selling copies of this address as indicated on the last page of this reprint. He was further advised that the FBI has given permission to nonprofit citizen groups to reprint copies of the Director's remarks in connection with their endeavors of public service; however, the FBI has always refrained from extending such cooperation to organizations of a commercial nature.

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[] stated that the Citizens Information Center was organized [] mentioned above for the purpose of acquainting the citizens of Boulder and Colorado with the dangers of Communism. He stated they have the greatest respect for Mr. HOOVER and after they had read his speech given before the American Legion on 10/9/62, it was their belief that the speech should be read by as many Americans as possible. [] stated that they decided, rather than asking the FBI to provide them with copies of the speech, to reprint the speech and distribute it to as many people as possible. He stated they set forth the price of the speech for the purpose of recovering only that amount which would cover the expenses of printing and distributing the speech. [] stated that the thought did not occur to them that they should first secure permission from the Director prior to distributing and printing his speech. He stated it was not their intention to sell this particular pamphlet; however, he now realizes that one would get the impression that the speech was being sold. He stated that he, and he is sure his associates, would not do anything which would cause Mr. HOOVER to look with disfavor upon their efforts to enlighten the American people about Communism.

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[] stated that they would immediately desist from selling copies of this address. He stated they have approximately 500 or 600 copies of this leaflet available and that they would neither sell nor distribute the leaflet even free of charge without first contacting the Director and securing his permission for the free distribution of the speech. He stated further that the Citizens Information Center would not distribute any additional speeches of the Director without first securing permission for same.

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[] was asked if the Citizens Information Center was controlled by the John Birch Society and he replied in the negative. He was not asked whether or not he and his associates were members of the John Birch Society.

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It is possible that [] will correspond with the Director directly to determine whether or not the Director would give the Citizens Information Center permission to distribute this leaflet free of charge. It is suggested the Bureau may desire to allow the Citizens Information Center to distribute this leaflet free of charge if they indicate on the last page of the leaflet that the leaflet is being distributed free of charge and is not for sale.

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John Birch Group Offers Reward For Sign Burners

A \$200 reward offered by the amendment procedures, not by interpretation of the Supreme Court." He stated that the court uses modern authors upon which to base its decisions, not the Constitution.

The sign, approximately 12 by 15 feet, requested Puebloans to call for the impeachment of Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren. It was located south of the bypass near Salem.

Assistant Fire Chief Charles Camack said chain saws apparently were used to fell the sign. Then gasoline was poured on it and ignited. The back of the sign was scorched.

Fay D. Hall, a chapter member, stated that the sign was on private property which should be respected.

"People must have been poorly informed as to the John Birch Society and Justice Warren's decisions, or they wouldn't have burned the sign," Hall stated.

Similar signs have been erected in other parts of the country. The Pueblo branch has placed another sign advocating U. S. withdrawal from the United Nations on U.S. highway 85-87 north.

"We don't approve of about two-thirds of Warren's decisions," Hall stated. "I don't think he interprets the Constitution according to the ideas of its founders. The Constitution does not change and is irreversible, except by

Hall added that impeachment of Warren does not mean jail, but investigation by the U. S. Senate.

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McGee Repeats Charge Birch Society Active in State

By BILLYE PROCTOR
Eagle Staff Writer

The John Birch society is active and organized within the state, Wyoming's senior senator, Gale W. McGee, said last night.

McGee, a former University of Wyoming history professor, said achievements of the John Birch Society could be measured by laws passed during the 37th state legislature.

The Wyoming Democrat made his remarks in answer to a Wyoming

Broadcasters association demand that he clarify charges attributed to him by columnist Marquis Childs.

A column of April 10 by Childs quoted McGee as saying that 15 of the state's radio stations had accepted \$1,000 retainers per month to broadcast right wing propaganda.

The same column, saying that the 37th state legislature was under the direct influence of the John Birch society, brought a wave of reaction from Republican legislative leaders.

McGee said he did not use the word "retainer" and that the column

was technically incorrect, but the point to the statement was not incorrect.

The senator said that "about \$1,000 per month" was being paid to Wyoming radio stations to broadcast right wing propaganda.

"Who are the groups spending so much money in our sparsely-populated state?" Senator McGee asked.

He named five groups in answer to the question.

These groups are, Senator McGee said:

- (1) The Manion Forum, headed by Clarence Manion, a member of the John Birch society board of directors;
 - (2) The Lifeline, run by H. L. Hunt, Texas multimillionaire oil man;
 - (3) Kent Courtney of The Independent American, known as the Man who called Barry Goldwater a "lapsed socialist;"
 - (4) Dan Smoot Reports, an associate of Hunt's;
 - (5) And, the Rev. Carl McIntyre of New Jersey, once ousted by the Presbyterian church.
- McGEE

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All of these groups are closely associated with the John Birch society in membership, philosophy, and ideals, Senator McGee said.

Tom Anderson, editor of Farm and Ranch magazine, Courtney, and Manion are directors of the John Birch society, McGee said.

All of the groups stand for the same basic ideals, according to the senator.

These ideals include, Senator McGee said: (1) Getting the U. S. out of the U. N. and vice-versa; (2) Opposition to mental health programs; (3) Advocating right-to-work laws; (4) Completely cutting off foreign aid; (5) And opposition to fluoridation of city water.

He named other objectives as a desire to overrule the Supreme Court, and oust Chief Justice Earl Warren.

McGee said the influence of the John Birch society in Wyoming could be measured by various memorials, resolutions, and laws passed by the 37th state legislature.

Memorials advocating the withdrawal from the UN by the U.S. and the cutting off of foreign aid, and seeking to establish a superior supreme court were passage in the legislature.

A right-to-work law also gained passage in the legislature.

McGee said the right-wing groups deserve a chance to be heard, but he said "always belong to the people."

He warned citizens to demand equal time, in the name of public service broadcasts.

"If your local station does not grant you equal time," the senator said, "then notify the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D. C."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : /SAC, DENVER (62-1623)

DATE: 6/25/63

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 3/19/63 during an interview with [REDACTED]
he informed SA [REDACTED] that by some unknown means, [REDACTED]

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Informant stated he has never had any association with these groups and has no sympathy for their objectives and that he desires to release this material to the FBI for whatever purpose it might serve.

He stated that if he should be contacted personally by any representative of these groups, he will inform the Denver office accordingly.

These publications are being placed in the 1-A section of Denver file 62-1623.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Federal Bureau of Investigation

MARCH 1, 1960

WASHINGTON, 25, D.C.

TO ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS:

It is an incontestable fact that our country, the symbol of the free world, is the ultimate, priceless goal of international communism. The leaders of international communism have vowed to achieve world domination. This cannot be until the Red flag is flown over the United States.

If, for a moment, the grandiose Red plan is scoffed at as being fantastic, consider that one fourth of the land surface of the world and one-third of the peoples of the earth are now controlled by the world-wide communist bloc.

Certainly, the communist gains throughout the world are evidence enough that America, if it lowers its guard, may be someday an easy target for the Red threat. The communist plan is to conquer the United States, if not today, then tomorrow; if not tomorrow, then the next day, next month, next year -- there is no timetable, no "Five-Year-Plan." This is evident in the motivations of the Communist Party, USA, as shown by the analysis of its 17th National Convention published in this Bulletin.

It is indeed appalling that some members of our society continue to deplore and criticize those who stress the communist danger. What these misguided "authorities" fail to realize is that the Communist Party, USA, is an integral part of international communism. As the world-wide menace becomes more powerful, the various Communist Parties assume a more dangerous and sinister role in the countries in which they are entrenched. Public indifference to this threat is tantamount to national suicide.

Lethargy leads only to disaster. The communists have a savage plan of liquidation for a vanquished America. The blueprint can be found in the words of Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Chinese Communist Party, who reportedly said that it was necessary to liquidate 800,000 "enemies" to solidify communism in China. Another pattern is the plight of countless families in satellite countries who were torn apart and transported to the oblivion of Soviet labor camps.

Under communist domination in America, the first campaign of liquidation would engulf the lawyers, champions of due process of law; newspapermen, whose ageless fight for freedom of expression would have no place under totalitarianism; law enforcement officers, guardians of individual rights; governmental leaders, local, state and national; and everyone falling in the so-called "capitalist" category. Occupations and professions which the communists term "useless and parasitic" would be abolished -- clergymen, wholesalers, jobbers, real estate salesmen, stockbrokers, insurance men, advertising specialists, traveling salesmen -- the list for purging is endless. No citizen would escape some form of suffering under a communist regime. One need but to compare his own worth, his own ideals, his own religious beliefs with the atheistic doctrines of communism to determine his priority on the list of liquidation.

The defense of the cherished freedoms secured and handed down to us by our forefathers is the responsibility of each American. Knowledge of the enemy, alertness to the danger, and everyday patriotism are the brick and mortar with which we can build an impregnable fortress against communism. Only the intelligent efforts of all Americans can prevent the decay of public apathy from laying open our Nation to the Red menace.

Very truly yours

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

Director

(Reprinted from the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, March, 1960)

Published through the courtesy of Victor Overcash, Regional Coordinator of The John Birch Society

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
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The attached newspaper articles appeared in the "Casper Tribune," Casper, Wyoming, on 4/22/63, and in the "Casper Morning Star," and appear to be reprints of an article dated 3/1/60 originally written for the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin by the Director.

As indicated, the reprints were "Published through the courtesy of Victor Overcash, Regional Coordinator of the John Birch Society," and it is assumed that paid to have these reprints published.

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The articles, as they appear, are being furnished to the Bureau for information, and no further action is being taken by the Denver Office.

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Public Forum

About The John Birch Society

Mrs. Beverlee Anzick,
2002 Hollywood, Pueblo

Your letter relative to The John Birch Society which was printed April 17 undoubtedly refers to and was inspired by having read at least one of the series of informative ads which started Sunday, April 7.

The Society's "Application for Membership" form asks for the applicants name and address. Nothing more. For that reason your request for information as to the religious affiliation, educational background, occupation, and status as to previous military service will have to go unanswered. No member or officer of the Society has this information. We seek to interest all patriotic Americans in our Society WITHOUT regard to religion, race, color, political affiliation, or educational background.

We have no organization in Pueblo, or in any other city or community. The Society is directed, nationally, by a council of 28 prominent Americans. Meeting as "study groups" we find that we can operate more efficiently and effectively in classes of around 15 persons. When a group increases its membership to about 20, it is split into two groups who then continue to build their membership until another split is necessary.

The writer has no idea why you ask the question, "What country operates successfully under a society such as you advocate?" We are not a political party. Our, yours and mine, United States of America, operated very successfully under the system we advocate, the Constitution, for quite a number of years. We are greatly interested in again operating under that Constitution, as written, not as interpreted, in recent years, to fit the aspirations of political opportunists.

You write that we have stated what we are against, but have said nothing about what we are for. As stated in the ads—by number as to their order of publication—the record is as follows:

Ad No. 2 states we are FOR "Less Government," "More Individual Responsibility," and "A Better World." No. 4 states we are FOR religion and that we are FOR "Morality, Integrity and Purpose." No. 5 states we are FOR opposing Communism on religious, moral, and political grounds. No. 7 states we are FOR patriotism. It further states we are FOR a parliament of nations which would further the

clamor for leisure time without knowing how to use it, whose self-indulgence has blinded us to the real dangers of our time."

FAY D. HALL
2918 Cascade

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opportunities.

You write that we have stated what we are against, but have said nothing about what we are for. As stated in the ads—by number as to their order of publication—the record is as follows:

Ad No. 2 states we are FOR "Less Government," "More Individual Responsibility," and "A Better World." No. 4 states we are FOR religion and that we are FOR "Morality, Integrity and Purpose." No. 5 states we are FOR opposing Communism on religious, moral, and political grounds. No. 7 states we are FOR patriotism. It further states we are FOR a parliament of nations which would further the best interests of the world, but that the present United Nations does not serve that purpose. No. 8 states we are FOR a constitutional republic as against a democracy. (This has nothing to do with Republicans and Democrats.) A thumb-nail explanation of the difference is that a republic is a government of laws and a democracy a government of men.

Ad No. 9 states we are against centralized government, therefore it could be reasonably assumed that we are FOR decentralized government. No. 10 states why we are FOR decentralized government. No. 11 states we are FOR a government we can trust, manned by people we can trust, and maintaining a currency we can trust. No. 11 further states we are FOR our government obeying the laws. No. 12 restates we are FOR a government of laws as opposed to a government of men. No. 13 summarizes the various things we are FOR. Simple arithmetic will determine that we have stated, or inferred, that we were FOR various things in 10 out of 13 ads and that this is a baseball percentage of .769, which is better than even the Yanks ever did in their best year.

You ask what personal freedoms we have been denied and how we have been held back materially. Even a partial answer to this question would require many columns of newspaper space.

Does your husband bring home his entire earnings each payday, or does a benevolent federal government, under the assumption that it knows better how to spend his money than he does, withhold quite a large percentage to be spent as it determines?

Your last statement is that you believe we are a nation of leaders, not of sheep. There are many who disagree with you. One of them is William J. Lederer, who co-authored the book, "The Ugly American." Let me quote a few paragraphs from the first page of his later book, A NATION OF SHEEP.

"The destruction of a mighty nation may well be approaching because of the activities of one person. He has encouraged leaders to tranquilize the populace with half-truths. He has lured the press into inattention and has assisted the people in duping themselves. He has persuaded his fellow citizens to concentrate on life's comic

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YOUR SELECT-
DOOR NEEDS!
VITAMINS
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SUNDAY
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SHEEP.

"The destruction of a mighty nation may well be approaching because of the activities of one person. He has encouraged leaders to tranquilize the populace with half-truths. He has lured the press into inattention and has assisted the people in duping themselves. He has persuaded his fellow citizens to concentrate on life's comic strips and mindless entertainments and to avoid the bruises of reality."

"The culprit is the person whose eyes scan these words, and whose hands—at this moment—hold this book. The country is the United States of America."

"A companion in guilt is the author who, for many years, failed as a patriot. Like most average Americans, he accepted the privileges of citizenship but rejected its responsibilities."

"The results are tragic. Today we are a nation of fair-weather citizens who serve their country only if they receive financial security and vast luxuries, of sloths who try to bribe neutral nations into cooperation. We are a nation of people who are afraid to speak up on unpopular issues and who

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URGENT 5-8-63 10-50 PM MST JJA
TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, DENVER /62-1623/
FROM SAC, BUTTE /94-372/ 1-P

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RESEARCH PAREN CRIME RECORDS END PAREN.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED
MAY EIGHT, SIXTY THREE, HER HUSBAND ON BUSINESS TRIP IN WYOMING.
HIS ITINERARY AND CURRENT LOCATION UNKNOWN TO HER. HE IS EXPECT-
ED TO RETURN WEEKEND OF MAY ELEVEN, SIXTY THREE, AND ARRANGEMENT
MADE FOR INTERVIEW. BUREAU WILL BE PROMPTLY INFORMED OF RESULTS.
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, BUTTE (94-372) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

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On 5/16/63, [redacted] was contacted in Great Falls, Montana, as he was en route to Billings, Montana. In accordance with instruction in Bureau airtel of 5/2/63, he was tactfully informed that as a matter of policy, the Director did not desire that his name or the name of the FBI be used by any group or persons for furthering the interest of that organization or person, and that the material sent to him could not be used in this manner.

[redacted] said that he did not intend to infer by publishing the Director's article that the FBI was endorsing his group, but had the article reprinted to rebut what he said was a deliberate distortion and misuse of a portion of a speech given by the Director regarding in the past, in which cautioned against extremists of any belief, which [redacted] said had appeared in print

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**Arsonists Fail Attempt
 To Set Birch Sign Ablaze**
 Another attempt to burn down
 the John Birch Society's sign on
 Highway 50 near Salem failed on
 Saturday night.
 Though gasoline was poured on
 the sign, it failed to blaze and
 was only smoking by the time the
 Fire Department arrived a b o u t
 11:20 p.m. There was no damage.
 Attempts to burn the sign down
 have been made earlier this year,
 causing some damage. The sign
 asks for the impeachment of Chief
 Justice Earl Warren.

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SEMINAR SPONSORED BY DENVER
COMMITTEE TO IMPROVE RACIAL
RELATIONS, GEORGE WASHINGTON
HIGH SCHOOL, DENVER, COLORADO,
3/19 '66

"Digest of the talks were on sale in the lobby of the auditorium at 35 cents a copy, the pamphlets prepared by the American Speakers Bureau of the Birch Society.

"A band of about 20 pickets, called out by the Denver branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, marched outside the high school briefly at the opening of the seminar. There were no incidents between pickets and those attending the seminar."

The article stated the speakers at the seminar included [redacted] who once joined the Communist Party "by mistake" and stayed in as an [redacted] and [redacted] a [redacted] for the Birch Society. Other speakers were [redacted] another former Communist who left the Party in 1937, and [redacted] whose writings have been published in other national newspapers and magazines. The article advised all except [redacted] are Negroes.

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Sources who have furnished reliable information in the past advise from 20 to 30 individuals representing the Denver Branch, NAACP, peacefully picketed the seminar from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 3/19/66. There were no incidents of violence at the seminar or during the picketing.

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OFFICIAL IN DENVER**Lag in Birch
Rolls Admitted**

By LEONARD LARSEN

Denver Post Staff Writer

The 10-state regional public relations manager for the John Birch Society said in Denver Monday that recruitment of new members is lagging, but only because "our people are busy now working on the election."

After Nov. 8, according to Rex Westerfield of Dallas, Tex., the society will return to its "aggressive expansion program"—a drive that before the election campaign lag was producing about 1,000 applications for membership a week.

Westerfield was accompanied on a get-acquainted visit to The Denver Post by the Rev. James C. Miller of the Montclair Community Church, 1312 Uinta St., a chapter leader for the Birch Society in Denver.

Westerfield is the public relations and information representative for the society in a territory that includes Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and Florida.

DATA LACK ADMITTED

But in his role, he acknowledged, he "honestly" has little detailed information about the rigidly right wing, semi-secret organization he represents.

He knows, Westerfield said, that there are "about 100,000" Birch Society members nationally but he doesn't know the membership of his area, of individual states within the area, not even how many chapters there are in Denver or Colorado.

The Rev. Mr. Miller, who suggested there were some dangers in a Birch Society "surfacing" locally, said that even as a chapter leader he didn't know how many other chapters were operating in Colorado.

"We've got to guard against infiltration," said the Rev. Mr. Miller. "Some people might come in and try to neutralize the program."

Westerfield, who estimated that about half the society's members are Democrats and about half are Republicans, said other information he didn't have was how many Birch Society members might be candidates for public office in the nation.

5 WIN IN ALASKA

He did know, Westerfield said, that six members were primary candidates in both parties to the Alaska State Legislature and that "five of them won."

Membership in the society, Westerfield said, is being spurred by national concern over the Viet Nam war and the civil rights movement. The society believes, he said, that the war in Viet Nam "should be turned over to the military and won by whatever means are necessary."

The organization is opposed to a negotiated settlement of the conflict, according to Westerfield.

"We think we should go to the negotiating table as we did in World War II—demanding unconditional surrender," he said.

RIGHTS VIOLENCE CITED

The civil rights movement—which the society has branded as a "civil wrongs" movement—is in the hands of Communist-tinged leaders, Westerfield said as evidenced by the violence in cities of both the North and South.

The Birch Society, he said, is aiming for "some reality in the civil rights movement—solve the injustices and problems that do exist but not at the expense of lives and property."

The rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., in early 1965, Westerfield said, was a "good example" of how the civil rights movement was approaching anarchy.

He said the Birch Society sent the segregationist Sheriff Jim Clark to Selma on a nationwide speaking tour so that Clark could "tell his side of the story—we saw how his police activities were being attacked."

While he wasn't present in Selma during the period when Clark and his deputies reportedly attacked and beat civil rights marchers—and eye-witness accounts to the contrary—Westerfield said he is certain that Clark was battling anarchy in Selma.

RESIGNATIONS BELITTLED

The resignations last month of two top Birch Society officials—Dr. Revilo P. Oliver and Slobodan M. Draskovitch—didn't cause even a ripple in the Society membership, Westerfield said.

"There had been some estimates that 500 would resign with them, but actually there were only 17," he said.

The split of the two former society spokesmen had come, Westerfield acknowledged, because of a growing difference in their philosophical views as to aims of the Birch Society with its founder and president, Robert Welch of Belmont, Mass.

Responding to the suggestion that the society was actually an extension of the one-man views of Welch, Westerfield said:

"We are a monolithic organization. There's no question about that. If a member agrees, he goes along with us. If he disagrees, he can get out as easily as he got in."

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"We can be a monolithic organization and still object to a monolithic government."

Westerfield said there was a growing Birch Society membership among Mormons all over the nation but he denied that the society had made that religious group a special membership target.

He said the society's state coordinators in Idaho and Arkansas were Mormons and that there was a strong Birch Society membership in Utah.

"Quite a bit" of the recruitment of Mormons can be credited to Ezra Taft Benson, a high Mormon official and secretary of agriculture in the Eisenhower Administration, Westerfield said.

He said Benson "is not a society member but he supports us" and noted, too, that Benson's son, Reed, is a Birch Society official in Washington, D.C.

POVERTY WAR OPPOSED

Both Westerfield and the Rev. Mr. Miller expressed opposition at "war on poverty" programs, although they said an aim of the nation should be to "get people off welfare and get them jobs."

That can be accomplished, however, through private and charitable means and "not by taking from the haves and giving to the have-nots," said Westerfield.

As a matter of fact, Westerfield said, the society is working on that very problem.

Asked what steps, for example, had been taken in Denver on that Birch Society project, both Westerfield and the Rev. Mr. Miller said they didn't know of any.

One local project about to start, the Rev. Mr. Miller said, will be Birch Society participation in the housewives current campaign against high food prices.

"We're going to form an ad hoc committee in a few days," he said. The work of that committee, the Rev. Mr. Miller suggested, will be to "point out that inflation is not caused by the greediness of the retailer or the public."



Westerfield, right, is Birch regional PR. The Rev. James C. Miller, left, is Denver chapter head.

Denver Post Photo by Diana Howell

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LEADER CHARGES SMEAR CAMPAIGN

Bad Birch Image Blamed on Reds

By GENE COOPER

Denver Post Staff Writer

The John Birch Society got its "lousy" image because of a concerted smear campaign by the Communists, a Birch member said Thursday.

Jim Stefanopoulos, explaining the John Birch Society to members of the Rocky Mountain Optimist Club of Denver, meeting in the Albany Hotel, said the Communists selected the Birch Society for the smear campaign because of the society's vulnerability.

The Birch Society has never had a lobby in Washington nor a public relations outlet, Stefanopoulos said, thus couldn't really protect itself against the onslaught of the smear campaign.

And the society suffered the attention of the Reds because it was very active in making sure the House Committee on Un-American Activities didn't die, Stefanopoulos said.

'CHARGES PICKED UP'

The campaign began in various publications charging the society with being anti-Negro, anti-Semitic and the like, he said, and these articles then were picked up by other publications with the result that the society became known as a secret society, against the many things the United States stands for.

These charges are absolutely false, Stefanopoulos declared. The Birch Society exists to educate the American people and the world to the evils of communism.

Stefanopoulos said the society comprised of members of all races, creeds, colors and economic standings, who have joined

to fight communism.

But, he said, the society also believes in less government and more individual responsibilities in the United States.

'NOT POLITICAL'

"The John Birch Society is by no means a political party," he said, however. "It's up to the membership which political candidates they wish to vote for."

He said no attempt is made to designate candidates.

He explained the society is, at its lower levels, divided into chapters of about 10 to 20 people each, governed by a chapter leader.

"In these chapters, we try to use our own resources and capabilities to follow programs laid out by the John Birch Society council," Stefanopoulos said.

SECTION LEADER

Over the chapters is a section leader, who governs 4 to 10 chapters. The next step is that of an area coordinator, which Stefanopoulos described as "the first paid hand of the John Birch Society."

Above the area coordinator is the major coordinator, then district governors, and at the top, Robert Welch, founder and president of the society, and the society's council, about 25 persons.

Stefanopoulos said members, as volunteers, can "quit and get our dues back, if we don't like Welch or his programs."

'WIN WAR'

Stefanopoulos said the Birch Society doesn't seek power, seeks to reveal the truth, believes in the "reverent continuity in human affairs," believes that God gave man purpose, and "hates no purpose, but does hate the evil men do."

He said the John Birch Society believes the United States should "win the war in Vietnam and get the hell out of there."

Stefanopoulos decried American trade with Communist nations, saying "they take our goods and technical knowledge, then supply others with the means" to kill Americans.

Stefanopoulos is employed by Ernst & Ernst, Denver accountants, as a data processing consultant. He formerly was with RCA and IBM in data processing.

A graduate of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, Stefanopoulos is married and the father of four children. His wife is also a member of the John Birch Society, and Stefanopoulos is a section leader in the organization.

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MOMENT OF THOUGHT

Jim Leoffler, Editor

DEDICATED TO KEEPING OUR CHRISTIAN CONSERVATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC PRINCIPLES

Those who wish me to forfeit my membership in The John Birch Society tell me this. Which anti-Communist organization can I join now that has a continual program and is working against the Communist advance? What is their program?

If you mention longstanding organizations both governmental or non-governmental let me pose you a question. You know the United States could of had complete control of the whole world in 1945. We spent billions for defense and foreign aid to obtain PEACE and SECURITY. What do we have now? Communists have taken by internal subversion (not military aggression) most of the worlds' surface up to 90 miles of our shores. On August 2 Senator Ed. Kennedy expressed concern over activities of 169 vessel Soviet fleet off Cape Cod. (but don't worry their still 3 miles away-- or are they?) Our childrens lives are morgaged with the national debt. We are told our citizens can't care for themselves. Our government does nothing to get rid of Castro, fails to carry out the Monroe Doctrine. Our Officials, WINE and DINE Communists almost daily - Khrushchev, Castro, Tito, and even Bentancourt who is so notorious a Communist agent, that even Eisenhower, when confronted with an FBI report he could not evade, had to expel him from the continental United States on two occasions. The question is this: Why did the United States the strongest nation in the whole world in 1945 with the guidance of these organizations proceeding toward the goal of PEACE and SECURITY now become completely surrounded with Communists - the greater part of the world a fenced in jail - internal strife at home as never before and at the same time our Officials admitting the enemy is winning and asking us to accept defeat and surrender.!" Why??

The John Birch Society naturally throws a frightening shudder of alarm into this multitude when the Society calmly states: "Why, our Government is not really opposing the Communists at all! These measures are designed -- by whatever influential plotters within the Establishment we do not know -- to help the Communists, not to harm them! For such is actually the case, as almost everybody knows, although very few dare to say it."

* * FREEDOM OF SPEECH IN LOCAL AMERICAN LEGION HALLS STOPPED! * *

On October 28 the MOMENT OF THOUGHT was sent out covering all postal patrons in the Stratton, Bethune and Vona area inviting the public to a Presentation of The John Birch Society at the American Legion in Stratton on Nov. 6. Donald V Vondra, Colo. Coordinator, with S.A. McMorris, Section Leader, came down from Boulder with the American Opinion Bookmobile and an intersting program was held.

It was learned later that the board of directors of the American Legion had meet to see what should be done as they had received complaints as to the renting of their hall to The John Birch Society. At the regular monthly meeting of the Legion on Nov. 7, with an attendance larger than usual, a resolution passed that forbids the renting of their hall to The John Birch Society for any more public programs. As usual many false accusations were made and nothing substantial was offered to warrant the actions. With the American Legion National Headquarters action program and that of The John Birch Society together on so many issues it seems an oddity that this would happen especially after their own publication Legion Firing Line told of The California Senate Factfinding Subcommittee on Un-American Activities Report released on June 12, 1963 after a two year study had this to say:

"We find the John Birch Society to be a RIGHT, anti-Communist, fundamentalist organization. Our investigation and study was requested by the society, which had been publicly charged with being a secret, fascist, subversive, un-American, anti-Semitic organization. We have not found any of these accusations to be supported by the evidence."

Also the 75 page booklet (THE NEW DRIVE ON THE ANTI-COMMUNIST) issued by the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee showed the Communists have been making The John Birch Society bear the main brunt of the whole Moscow directive of December 1960 -- that anti-Communist groups must be destroyed.

The Legion was formed to protect the freedom of speech and the U.S. constitution which says: "No person shall be deprived of his liberty. All accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial -- to be confronted with the witness against him."

Has my prophesy on Feb. 11, 1962 that the Communists would subvert the Local legion come true? Why did the Stratton Legion fail to fly the American Flag or have a program on Veterans Day? I told you the Communists would shut off their anti-Communist program on TV and I'm taking bets that they are not big enough to get it started again. Don't let any Liberal tell you I am fighting with the Local Legion. I absolutely will not.. If they wish to help the Communists I can't stop them but I'm going to tell the public. Remember the Communists always try to fire up ever little squabble into hatred, violence and crime. Don't be their victims! My only defense is the TRUTH. To turn the other cheek when injured. The only way we can win is openly - all above board, by lawful means only, making our officials jail criminals and obey the Constitution.

Those who are confused wake-up and stop doing the Communists dirty work --- suppressing free speech --- even that which is publicly documented. In a government report, MENACE OF COMMUNISM, Statement of J. Edgar Hoover on March 26, 1957 before The John Birch Society was founded Hoover had this to say:

"Anyone who opposes the American Communist is at once branded as a "disrupter," a "Fascist," a "Red baiter," or a "Hitlerite," and becomes the object of a systematic campaign of character assassination. This is easily understood because the basic tactics of the Communist Party are deceit and trickery."

To bare false witness against your neighbor is a grievous sin. The John Birch society was said to be secret - even hinted that WE were Communists. Look at both the accused and the accuser and answer these questions: Look at their past life! Who brakes the law? Who follows the Communist tactics of Lenin who says:

"Destroying all opposition by invective, slander, smear and blackmail is one of the technique of Communism?"

Who said it was un-lawful to use a replica of the American flag on our sign and how they were going to jail us if we put it up again?

The fact that the sign stood and caused no disturbance for 8 months showed that the first disturbance was caused by adjutators and not the sign..

THE TIME HAS COME

The President of the United States has been murdered by a Marxist-Communist within the United States.

It has been pointed out by the Hon. Martin Dies, since the assassination, that "Lee Harvey Oswald was a Communist," and that when a Communist commits murder he is acting under orders. The former Congressman, head of the original Dies Committee, is probably second only to J. Edgar Hoover in first-hand knowledge acquired from early and long experience in investigating Communist activities.

The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover said in a speech on October 18, 1960: "We are at war with the Communists, and the sooner each red-blooded American realizes that the better and safer we will be." He emphatically repeated this statement on December 3, 1963 - - ten days after the assassination. And this is none the less war because the Communists conduct it according to their usual methods, without regard to civilized rules or human decency.

Nor is it in character for the Communists to rest on this success. Instead, we can expect them to use the shock, grief, and confusion of the American people, resulting from the assassination of our President, as an opportunity for pushing their own plans faster. Also, we shall be subjected to an ever greater barrage of distortions and falsehoods, aimed at imposing on the nation a completely false picture of the situation and of the forces at work. They have to subvert our minds as well as our institutions.

For five years The John Birch Society has said that, regardless of the external threat, Communism was a serious internal menace in the United States. And we were right. This has now been proved, tragically but conclusively, to the deep sorrow, but also to the profound alarm, of all good Americans. The time has come for those good Americans to join us in this fight against the powerfully organized "masters of deceit." For, as Edmund Burke once wrote: "When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle."

The John Birch Society is an educational army, and our only weapon is the truth. But George Washington stated our problem well: "Truth will ultimately prevail where there is pains taken to bring it to light." We take tremendous pains in proportion to our numbers and our strength, and all we need to win is that enough other patriots join us in our determination and our labors. For there is nothing the Communists fear so much in the whole world today as having the American people learn, too soon, the truth about their purposes, their methods, and their progress.

If you oppose the Communist conspiracy by learning and spreading the truth, you may expect to be smeared as viciously as we have been for five years. But you will be helping to save your family and your country from the same cruel tyranny that has already been imposed on a billion human beings.

The time has come for every redblooded American to react as such. If you have the willingness to learn and the courage to support the disturbing truth, use the coupon below. It will be without any obligation on your part, and we shall not contact you further unless or until you request us to do so.

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Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

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If you agree with this statement, and are willing to help us put this message in as many newspapers as possible across our country, send us your contribution NOW. Make your check out to SPECIAL ADVERTISING FUND, and mail it directly to: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

My trouble, if you can call it that, all started when I took away the dollar signs from my eyes and stopped my conquest for materialism and accepted the duty of an American citizen, challenging those who insist -- as all Communists do -- that America is a democracy and not a Republic. If you recall it was a PURE DEMOCRACY that hung Jesus on the cross! A democracy is when the majority rule on the condition that the majority is always right and when all rights of the minority and individuals are subjected to the whims of the majority resulting in the LAWS OF MEN governing and this is most frequently against the LAWS OF GOD. Our Republic (if its laws are obeyed) subjects all action by everyone to the rules of God who inspired the United States Constitution which guarantees ALL states a republican form of government with limited powers. The word democracy is not mentioned in the constitution or in any state constitution and all but one state pledge their obedience to God and ask his help and guidance. But the Supreme Court now joins with the Communist countries in outlawing your children to pray to God in school for our President! IMPEACH EARL WARREN.! When the Supreme Court returns their decision on the reapportionment amendment No 7 that Colorado voters passed by a large majority vote this last election. It is my guess they will rule it unconstitutional thus outlawing even democracy. The majority will be overruled by 5 men.

Now if anyone desires to give the suppressed John Birch Society a hearing we will welcome the opportunity to answer questions to the best of our ability. To present The John Birch Society Story. We will accept all honorable invitations to speak to 10 or more citizens that you can gather into your home, or upon request we will invite you to a meeting. With a notice in advance and a acceptable time slot we will furnish in part or full a program to any public audience on the major issues. Start an Pro-American group of your own or join us as fearless Christian Soldiers marching onward to victory and if you are not satisfied I'll give your money back.

Did you know that The John Birch Society was only sued twice and both cases were thrown out of court for lack of evidence. IT IS TRUE the Birchers have condemned many people all in copywrited books were the Birchers can never back-track their accusation and are fully liable. We tell the truth therefore the enemy's alternative is: Slander, take away our freedom of speech, subdue us illegally, keep all patriotic Americans from hearing us and thus joining our ranks against them, thus preventing and prolonging their evil activities from destruction.

There is only one way to help the enslaved peoples of the world. To officially declare every dictatorial country to be an illegitimate government.. To brake off relations and aid to the tyrants in power and to assist and encourage the slave to regain their freedom. If the United States would cut off aid to Communist countries their tyrants would fall very soon. Although our government is supposed to have stopped aid to Cuba, UNICEF is now going to give it to Cuba anyway. What about their to stop Castro from buying bombs with the UNICEF milk money?

The Leftists said we were secret. Then took away my right to buy advertisement space in local papers. Burned our signs. Shot holes in the new signs -- our President! Condemned us for having our meetings in homes, said we should have a public meeting so they could attend. We accepted the challenge with the Oct. 2 public program -- but they said NO and tried to stop the program and did not at. On January 1, 1964 Our two large signs along highway 24 were sawed and chopped down to the ground -- apparently in celebration of the fifth anniversary of Castro's take over of Cuba. So I give up trying to fight for public programs. Will continue setting up new Chapters and using only those persons who volunteer their labor, homes, and money to fight this conspiracy that has a strangling hold on our nation - while its citizens sleep..

Please - lets' love each other as we love ourselves and hate evil where ever it is - even that evil which is within us. Sincerely, Jim Leoffler

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W. CLEON SKOUSEN has released a pamphlet intitled THE COMMUNIST ATTACK ON THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. a copy may be obtained by writing to the Ensign Publishing Co. at P.O. Box 2316, Salt Lake City, Utah. The price, postpaid, is twenty-five cents per copy or onehundred copies for \$15.00.

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He served in the FBI 16 years, became a member of the faculty of Brigham Young University in 1951, and was given a leave of absence to become Chief of Police in Salt Lake City in 1956. In 1960 he became the Editorial director of LAW and Order, the most widely distributed police magazine in the U.S. He is also the author of several books including The Naked Communist and So You Want To Raise a Boy.

In the last two years Mr. Skousen has traveled and lectured in 29 foreign countries and 43 of the 50 states. His largest audience was 15,000 in the Hollywood Bowl.

IN HIS PAMPHLET SKOUSEN HAS THIS TO SAY

" I am not a member of the John Birch Society.

I have simply observed an avalanche of blistering propaganda which has totally confused millions of Americans.

Even a personal check among neighbors and friends will reveal that a vast quantity of well-educated, rational, religious people count it a shining virtue to hate the John Birch Society. Yet they admit knowing practically nothing about it.

The strange thing about the John Birch Society is that practically nobody paid any attention to it until the Communist Party officially ordered its annihilation.

Immediately the withering blast of scathing denunciation began pouring down upon this organization. And it came from all directions. For one solid year the press, radio and TV saturated the American mind with a continuous attack on the "terrible Birchers."

It seems to me the history of this attack contains a terribly sobering lesson for the American people."

Mr. Skousen after 11 pages comes to the CONCLUSION.

"Everything I have personally observed about the John Birch Society would confirm the conclusions reached by the California Senate report.

My final thought would be this:

I certainly would have no quarrel with anyone who wished to disagree with some idea promulgated by the John Birch Society. continued on 6

"In a Republic this should be expected. However, no American should stand by and see a legitimate group of American citizens dishonestly ridiculed and smeared at the instigation of the international Communist conspiracy.

And even more important, no American should allow himself to become involved in debasing and ridiculing a group of fellow citizens when he honestly doesn't know anything about them. In the case of the John Birch Society, those who editorialized or otherwise propagandized against "the terrible Birchers" usually did so without realizing they were promoting the official Communist Party line. And, as usual, this line turned out to be a carefully calculated deception designed to confuse the American people.

The Communist Party is manifestly frightened by the possibility of the people of the United States becoming awakened. Communist success has always been achieved in an atmosphere of secrecy, deceit and confusion. The John Birch Society was therefore one of the groups marked for annihilation because it was becoming highly successful in awakening the American people.

A former member of the Communist Party National Committee told me, "The Communist leaders look upon the stamping out of the John Birch Society as a matter of life and death for the Party."

Only two other groups have generated this much hate and fury from Communist leaders. One is the FBI, the other is the House Committee on Un-American Activities."

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SUPPORT your Local Police and News Reporters in their fight against crime. CORRECT the foolish who say "ship'em off to a slave camp in Russia" those Democrats or Republicans who think they can run the country better than those now taking us to destruction. Jim says; Peace only to men of good will and The Lords sword for the wicked!

In the future I will only send the MOMENT OF THOUGHT to those who request it
There is no charge - as the shrinking dollar is not my god.

By the CARDINAL MINDSZENTY FOUNDATION

DO YOU KNOW THE RED LINE ?

For many years ending in the summer of 1963, Professor Louis Budenz wrote a weekly column for the Catholic press analyzing the current Communist line on the basis of authentic Communist publications. His was the only column which made constant use of Communist documents. The importance of this weekly column is made clear when we realize that a Communist newspaper or magazine is not an ordinary publication as Americans understand it, but a telegraph agency which gives orders in Aesopian language to Party members. It follows, therefore, that the best and most reliable way to determine the Communist line is by close study of official Communist writings. Those who read Mr. Budenz's weekly column regularly found themselves weeks ahead of other well-read Americans in the detection of the Communist line -- better able to understand newspaper headlines and to place in proper perspective such propaganda campaigns as "peaceful co-existence," "disarmament," "rather Red than dead," etc.

When Professor Budenz retired from writing his weekly column in order to devote full time to his newest book, this left a vacuum in our communications media at a time when the Communist empire is advancing with increasing momentum. On September 1st, the Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation began to issue a bi-weekly column called THE RED LINE analyzing the current Communist line as revealed by Communist documents. Its reception has exceeded our most optimistic expectations and has proved the need for this service.

The Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation is the only international organization of Catholics devoted to the exclusive apostolate of combating Communism. Its educational program is directed by a Council of Bishops and Priests whose first-hand experience with Communists in many parts of the world make them among the greatest authorities on Communism. Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation was one of the few voice that correctly labeled Castro as a Communist when there was still time to prevent him from achieving control of Cuba. Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation was one of the few voices which immediately and correctly predicted the danger of the U. S. unilateral nuclear test-ban moratorium of 1958-1961 which gave the Soviets the opportunity to surpass us in large megaton weapons and in anti-missiles which Khrushchev claims "can hit a fly in the sky." Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation has superior research facilities and a record of reliability which few can match.

Here is a sample of the current RED LINE column:

THE RED LINE ABOUT OUR PRESIDENT'S DEATH

Within hours after the assassin's fatal bullet dropped President John Kennedy into his wife's arms, the Communists had thousands of "extras" on the streets of New York blaming the "ultra Right" and even J. Edgar Hoover for this crime. The Reds took advantage of the assassination to launch a vicious attack on anti-Communists, and to propagate the myth that the President's death was due to "hate," "bigotry" and activities of "Right-wing extremists."

One of Washington's most reliable reporters made this accurate observation: "The celerity of this operation excited speculation. The Communist Party in this country never takes a policy stand until it has been cleared with Moscow. It usually lags a day or two behind in comment on events of significance. In this case, the skillfully drafted pronouncement appeared to have been written, printed, and distributed in record time." Congressional leaders are wondering if "it could have been prepared in anticipation of the event."

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THE RED LINE ABOUT OUR PRESIDENT'S DEATH by CARDINAL MINDSZENTY F. continued

A New York Times dispatch from Moscow said: "Soviet officials had been badly stung by reports that the President's assassin had Communist connections." Anticipating that, when Americans realized the truth that our President had been killed by a Communist who had spent two and one-half years in the Soviet Union, our citizens would awaken to the internal threat, Moscow's PRAVDA immediately charged that the assassination was the result of "fascist-minded forces, the ultra-Right-wing ... plotting against any step leading to an international detente."

Frantic to dissociate itself from Lee Harvey Oswald, the U. S. Communist Part issued a statement which claimed: "All the history of our Party proves that such acts of violence and terror are diametrically the opposite of the policy and program of the Communist Party. Nobody who teaches or practices acts of terror and violence is allowed to be a member of the Communist Party. As a basic tenet we reject such practices."

This is as big a lie as the Red allegation that "hate" and "Right-wing extremists" killed Kennedy. The Communist conspiracy has always advocated violence as a political instrument. In Munich, Germany, Bogdan Stashinsky, the Soviet agent who murdered the Ukrainian underground leader Stepan Bandera, testified that he himself had received intensive training as a KGB (Soviet secret service) killer of anti-Communist leaders in the West. Targets of a special corps of killers, he testified, were "high level leaders in the United States and England."

After Kennedy's assassin was killed by Jack Rudy, the Reds intensified their barrage against anti-Communists. The official East German news agency (ADN) charged that Oswald was shot to cover up an anti-Communist plot. In an effort to anticipate and forestall American reaction to the fact that Oswald was active in the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, PRAVDA charged that Americans are indulging in "anti-Soviet and anti-Cuban hysteria." The Czechoslovakian Communist newspaper RUDE PRAVO reported that "the designer of the assassination of President Kennedy must be sought elsewhere than in Oswald -- namely, in the circles of the American ultra-reaction."

In the November 26th issue of THE WORKER, the Reds propelled the lie that President Kennedy died as a direct result of "an atmosphere of hate" created by anti-Communists. We had a striking demonstration of how the Red line is picked up and repeated by well-meaning non-Communists when a Supreme Court Justice said that Kennedy was martyred by "bigots," a U. S. Senator blamed "Right-wingers" and "hatred," and a prominent professor laid the blame on "hate" and "extremists." In spite of the disclosure that Oswald had boasted that he had also tried to assassinate General Edwin Walker, this "hate" refrain continues. On November 25th, three days before President Johnson appointed a commission to investigate the assassination, THE WORKER demanded: "President Johnson ... should act at once to appoint . . . an investigating commission headed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court."

The Reds are using this time of sorrow to create a hysterical national guilt complex. They are aided by naive people who call upon our citizens to flog themselves for creating "an atmosphere of hate." Americans owe it to America and the memory of President Kennedy to strengthen their determination against history's most vicious, begot hate organization --- the Communist conspiracy.

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DENVER PD, USA AND LOCAL MILITARY AUTHORITIES ADVISED. *Serial 147 & 148 in vol I*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC 62-1623

DATE: 3/17/66

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: THE DENVER COMMITTEE TO IMPROVE RACIAL RELATIONS
(John Birch Society)
Information Concerning

On this date Division Chief [REDACTED] advised that he attended a meeting at Denver Commission on Human Relations attended by [REDACTED] of the Commission - and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] - all members of NAACP.

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Naacp is going to picket at Geo. Wash. High School from 9:30 AM to noon on 3/19/66 the planned meeting of captioned group.

[REDACTED] says that this is not an official rights group - that it is sponsored by John Birch Society.

[REDACTED] gave SA [REDACTED] on this date a [REDACTED]

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I M P O R T A N T N O T I C E

March 15, 1966

Dear N.A.A.C.P. Member:

Please join the PICKET LINE against the racist and hate attack on the civil rights movement in Denver being organized by the right-wing John Birch Society.

Racists, many of whom are also White Citizens Council supporters, have organized an all day meeting here in Denver this Saturday to attack the Negro freedom movement. The name of the segregationist group is "The Denver Committee to Improve Racial Relations".

JOIN US

SATURDAY, MARCH 19th, 9:30 a.m.

At George Washington High School
 655 South Monaco St.

(South Monaco St. at East Exposition Ave.)

Come early! The picketing is to last two hours.

This is important. Please show your support for
FREEDOM NOW.

Sincerely,

Denver Branch, NAACP

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Telephone:

3/17/66

Denver, Colorado
March 18, 1966

PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION AT SEMINAR
SPONSORED BY DENVER COMMITTEE TO
TO IMPROVE RACIAL RELATIONS,
GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL,
DENVER, COLORADO, MARCH 19, 1966

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past on March 18, 1966, advised the Denver Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, (NAACP), will picket a seminar sponsored by the Denver Committee to Improve Racial Relations at George Washington High School, Denver, Colorado, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., March 19, 1966.

Source advised that the following notice was sent to about two hundred fifty Denver Branch NAACP members, and to about fifty Denver Branch NAACP Youth Members:

"Dear N.A.A.C.P. Member:

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PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION AT SEMINAR

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FREEDOM NOW.

"Sincerely,

"Denver Branch, NAACP"

Source estimates that from thirty to one hundred individuals will be on the picket line.

"Rocky Mountain News," Denver daily newspaper issue of March 18, 1966, advised that the Seminar at George Washington High School on Saturday, March 19, 1966, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., is sponsored by the Denver Committee to Improve Racial Relations, which is described in the article as a John Birch Society allied group. The article states the Seminar will furnish four Birch Society speakers, including three Negroes who maintain that part of the civil rights effort is a Communist conspiracy. Negro speakers at the Seminar, according to the article, will include [redacted]

[redacted] a former Communist. [redacted]

[redacted] The fourth speaker is [redacted] a Birch Society lecturer.

"Rocky Mountain News" issue of March 18, 1966, contains an article which states: "The Denver area Council of Churches at a Delegate Assembly Meeting urged its member churches to ignore a conservative civil rights seminar scheduled for George Washington High School Saturday, March 19." According to the article, the Delegate Assembly complained the seminar is a promotion of the John Birch Society.

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TO : SAC (62-1623)

DATE: 3/22/66

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: DENVER COMMITTEE TO IMPROVE
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[REDACTED] personally appeared at the Denver Office on 3/18/66, and furnished a leaflet, which he received through the mail, concerning the Civil Rights Seminar sponsored by captioned group to be held at George Washington High School Saturday, March 19, 1966.

This leaflet has been placed in the 1-A section of 62-1623.

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NAACP PICKET LINE, 3/19/66
DENVER, COLORADO

On 3/17/66, [REDACTED] furnished a letter of invitation to participate in the above-captioned picket line. This letter is dated 3/15/66 and was received by informant through the mail on 3/17/66. This invitation is being retained in the NAACP file.

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On 3/21/66, [redacted] furnished to the writer a [redacted] has been filed in [redacted] Xerox copies placed in files listed below.

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Records of Department of Motor Vehicles reflect that [redacted] is registered to [redacted] on a 1966 Ford 2-door hardtop.

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M E M O R A N D U M

To: SAC [redacted]

Date: 4/7/66

From: SA [redacted]

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Subject: [redacted]

On 3/25/66, [redacted] furnished to the writer a [redacted] dated 3/19/66. This report has been placed in [redacted] Xerox copy of report placed in files listed below.

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Movie Will Show John Birch's Life

The highlights of the life of John Birch, a Baptist missionary in China and inspiration for a conservative society which bears his name, will be presented in a movie at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Columbia Savings Community Room.

A representative of the John Birch Society will be on hand to conduct the meeting and answer questions, according to Paul Mayhak, Fort Collins chapter leader.

Birch, an Army captain, fought with the Chinese Army in Gen. Claire Chennault's American Volunteer Group, the famed "Flying Tigers." Birch was killed by the Chinese shortly after V-J Day.

Mayhak said the film presents an insight into the purposes and methods of the John Birch Society, specifically less government, more individual responsibility and a better world.

Mayhak said the JBS is an educational movement open to persons of all races and religions. Chapters are made up of small groups of people working together to, in Mayhak's words, "inform themselves and their contacts about current events and to give them a factual background for routing the Communist conspiracy."

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ACTIVE IN JEFFERSON COUNTY**The Birch Society: 'Livingrooms
Our Battlegrounds'**

The John Birch Society is active in Jefferson County.

Its strength and influence can't be effectively measured. But some persons in local political and community affairs feel the society has a more significant voice than most people realize.

To get some insight into the operations and beliefs of the conservative society, The Sentinel this week interviewed two of its leading members in the county.

Jim Stefanopoulos is a section leader in the Birch Society and is responsible for coordinating the efforts of three chapters here. A management consultant, Stefanopoulos resides at 932 So. Beech St. in Green Mountain and has lived in the county for three years.

Pastor Tom Moore is head of the Lakewood Christian Schools at W. Ellsworth Ave. and So. Garrison St. and is pastor of the Lakewood Baptist Tabernacle. Here is the interview:

Sentinel: Just what is the John Birch Society?

Stefanopoulos: It was set up on the basis of less government and more individual responsibility. When you are dealing with something that is trying to promote less government, you come into a collision course with the socialists and communists.

Sentinel: How do you get less government?

Stefanopoulos: You could get it from real good leadership if you had it. I defy you to make the comparison between some of our early leaders like Washington, Jefferson, Madison and Clay and the likes of Johnson and McNamara. These people seem to be dedicated to staying in power and grasping more. So it falls to the lot of the peo-

ple to start aiming together to stop this collectivization of power.

Sentinel: How do you do this?

Stefanopoulos: One of the things is to get yourself educated. You can do this with the Birch Society or without it. The next thing is to get acquainted with the precepts that led to this great nation—that is such fundamentals as the Constitution and why we have a republic instead of a democracy and why you should fall back on the good Lord and the Bible to give you the basis on what led this country to be great.

Take Sides

The next thing you do is start educating your friends and relatives and whoever you come in contact with. The third phase is taking sides in issues . . . like with the governor or your senator or maybe on a local school issue like we just had here on federal aid.

The other thing the Birch Society does is try to go on the offense . . . to really smash the collectivist.

Sentinel: How active is the Birch Society in Jefferson County?

Stefanopoulos: Its members are active.

Sentinel: How many members do you have here?

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Stefanopoulos: I'm not free to say that. Now, let me tell you why. It's strictly a strategic thing because if the number was real small the foe might treat us with utter contempt or they might just go all out to smear us. If there is a large number then they could start gauging how effective or ineffective we have been.

Sentinel: Are the members you have active?

Stefanopoulos: It's like anything else. You have people who are very, very active and you run into people who aren't. There are demands on people because you have business meetings once a month, educational meetings once a month and other various programs which take time.

Sentinel: Just what are you doing?

Stefanopoulos: Recruiting is the big program. We try to invite people to our homes to hear a presentation on the Society and usually there is a film on the life of John Birch or a film on Robert Welch (the society founder) talking about the communist conspiracy. Then there are books and pamphlets and other materials. One is the Blue Book. It's the manual and was written when the society was founded in 1958.

A Shocker

Sentinel: What are some of the other activities you have?

Stefanopoulos: One of the first ones was "Impeach Earl Warren." That's kind of a shocker.

Sentinel: Why do you want to impeach him?

Stefanopoulos: You'll find there is a big question as to whether he actually took the oath to uphold the Constitution. In one case after another, he and other parts of the Supreme Court have consistently sidestepped the Constitution. In one fell swoop, the Court knocked out sedition laws in 40 individual states. This is what you call stepping into someone else's territory. And they are making it tougher to convict people that are dedicated to destroying this country. You know the reapportionment act? Completely without validity as far as the Constitution is concerned. How do you stop this? There is no recourse. That is to impeach Earl Warren. One

of the reasons the Birch Society wants to do this is to clean up the people.

Sentinel: Do you have any program that is strictly local in nature?

Stefanopoulos: Our "Support Your Police" program is local. Right now the Denver Police could use some local support. They're beginning to have these review boards here and beginning to make statements like "don't say anything until you have a lawyer present." Police are becoming more ineffective. We have to go through another educational cycle.

Pastor Moore: I think one of the greatest actual local ministries of the Birch Society is sponsoring the book store (located at 1301 Elati St.). You can leave a book with someone and they will pass it on to 10 friends. The book store is supported by people in this area and you can get any conservative book you want.

Sentinel: Most people think the Birch Society is some kind of a secret order. You don't give out your membership. Is there anything e-l-s-e secret about it?

Stefanopoulos: Not to my knowledge. Our enemies are saying now that we're semi-secret. You're either secret or you're not. Apart from the membership list, there isn't a single thing secret about it. You can get all the literature. Even Khrushchev can get it.

Sentinel: Why are you so intent on recruiting at the grass roots level?

Individual Effort

Stefanopoulos: You can't use the media so what recourse is left to you? There are some places that you can use it but generally across the country you can't use radio, television or newspapers for an effective presentation of the Birch Society. You have to go down to an individual effort. I have to grab you, and ask you to come see what the Birch Society is all about. Our battle ground seems to be our living rooms.

Sentinel: Why won't the media tell your story?

Stefanopoulos: It's a big story to tell. A lot of people don't realize there's a problem.

Pastor Moore: This was brought out in the last election very vividly in the unavailability of the news media in getting the fair story out for the conservative-minded individual. Everybody noticed it.

Sentinel: What kind of people in Jefferson County are members of the Society?

Stefanopoulos: What do you mean? Are we rich or poor? Are we short or fat? There are all kinds.

Sentinel: Are they all Republicans?

Stefanopoulos: No, there are Democrats. But there are more Republicans than Democrats merely because most of us out here are conservative.

Pastor Moore: I've noticed members all the way from college students to businessmen and professional men. It's a pretty good cross section of American-type people. One thing that I've noticed is that it's not run by women. With all due respect to women, most of our organizations are run by them. The Birch Society is carried on the shoulders of businessmen and professional men. This speaks extremely well for the organization.

Sentinel: We always thought Robert Welch ran the Birch Society and no one else.

Pastor Moore: He does. But he runs the society, not the people. He is insistent that every member speaks his piece and give their voice.

Sentinel: Is there any autonomy in a local unit?

Pastor Moore: Yes. Each unit is autonomous.

Stefanopoulos: Robert Welch has a whole bunch of these programs and the idea is a concerted effort rather than ride off into 5 million directions. There are over 2500 conservative groups in the U.S. today.

Sentinel: Are you affiliated with anyone else?

Rotten Image

Stefanopoulos: No, although that doesn't mean that some of our members aren't members of other groups. It's kind of silly, as many as there are, that they don't merge and make their influence felt a lot more. I guess conservatives are a bunch of nuts or something. They just don't want to band together. Out of these 2500 the

Birch Society really got hurt in the rotten image question is why?

Sentinel: Is it because one thinks you're a secret society?

Stefanopoulos: The Mass a secret society aren't. Does this arouse you?

Sentinel: Not really.

Stefanopoulos: Why should it arouse you that the Birch Society—if it were true—secret organization.

Sentinel: I think that's done by your leader. Welch said Eisenhower-communist.

Stefanopoulos: He didn't. He wrote a letter bunch of friends right after 1954 elections. Welch made comment that he believed hower had double-crossed Republican party. Dean Acheson was one of the original recipients of the letter. It didn't seem to shock Ezra Taft Benson had the letter and he stayed with hower administration all way through. There was clammer and around is started building up until had to have his letter published in book form. It was called "Politician." When it was published not one newspaper viewed it but they attack on every point.

Sentinel: Why does the Society have a bad image?

Stefanopoulos: Because it's been effective. Pravda a few other papers said "let the John Birch Society smear it." Do you know Welch asked the FBI and Senate Internal Security Committee to investigate Society and they wouldn't. Finally the security committee of the California legislature investigated for two years. They published a report said we have found that John Birch Society is not a semite, it is not anti-Negro, it is not secret, it is not fascist, it's nothing. It found that Robert Welch has awakened people to the dangers of communism.

A Compliment

Pastor Moore: I think the tack on the John Birch Society is a compliment. It means it is one of the few organizations really getting the word out.

Sentinel: Do we endorse any candidates at the local level.

Stefanopoulos: No. That's in basic conflict to individual responsibility, isn't it?

Sentinel: John Birch was a Baptist, Robert Welch is a devout Baptist and Pastor Moore, you are a Baptist. Is there a religious philosophy to the society?

Pastor Moore: No. The Birch Society members are deeply religious people as a whole, but it is not a religious organization.

Sentinel: Why did you join the organization?

Pastor Moore: It stands for pretty much what I have always gone along with. I left the liberal camp when I was just a kid. I saw that I didn't want liberalism in government or in the churches. I left the National Council of Churches because of their liberal theology.

Sentinel: Is it embarrassing for you to say you are a member?

Pastor Moore: Absolutely not. But they intimidate people, you see. If a man is a member of the Birch Society, they try to intimidate him. Well, why be intimidated by a bunch of screwballs? They're the ones that need to be intimidated for being so stupid.

Sentinel: Do other members feel the same way?

Pastor Moore: Some are more sensitive than others.

Stefanopoulos: It's just a matter of how long they have been members. Some are bothered by the smears. Others even joke with their wives about sneaking off to someone's house for the big cell meeting.

Sentinel: How does the Society feel about civil rights?

Stefanopoulos: There's nothing wrong with civil rights per se. It's just the people behind it. Some people use it for their own benefit.

Sentinel: How do you feel about Viet Nam?

Stefanopoulos: This is my theory. We ought to kick the daylights out of these punks and win. What would it take, three weeks or four?

Don't Mess Around

Pastor Moore: Win or get completely out. This messing around is for the birds.

Sentinel: When Welch made his famous study in 1960 he said the United States was 90 to 95 pct. communist dominated. Has it increased since then.

Stefanopoulos: This will shock you. It's something like 65 to 85 pct. now.

Sentinel: How has your enrollment increased in Jefferson County?

Stefanopoulos: That's secretive.

Pastor Moore: I would say it has increased nicely.

Stefanopoulos: The Birch Society in itself, through these programs, is kind of like an advertisement. You go on the offensive by trying to throw this information out to the people. And you try to create slogans like "Impeach Earl Warren" and "Get Us Out of the U.N." A guy might ask, "Why Impeach Warren?" Well, you have to have the answers. Another thing, how many people know about the Liberty Amendment? It is an amendment being proposed to the Constitution to keep the federal government out of private business. The efficiencies gained from that will be so fantastic that you could repeal the income tax. How does that grab you?

Sentinel: How do you carry out your activities in Jefferson County?

Work Independently

Stefanopoulos: Normally you meet in someone's livingroom with 10 to 15 people in a chapter. Each chapter has kind of its own resources. Some might have more money and might be more active than others. You operate by following the programs in the bulletin. Each chapter can work independently. Some people don't want to have anything to do with impeaching Earl Warren. Robert Welch says three or four times a year if it's against your judgment or your conscience, don't do it. That takes away from the fascist concept of the group.

Sentinel: Are the chapters here interested in impeaching Earl Warren or civil rights?

Stefanopoulos: I could talk for my group. We are interested in the Liberty Amendment.

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Bircher Advocates Open War on Cuba

By TOM GAVIN
Denver Post Staff Writer

Immediate declaration of war on Cuba, bombing of mainland China if it continues policies of subversion, and a "full program of military conquest" in Viet Nam.

That bristling international posture was proposed for the United States by a John Birch Society spokesman Wednesday night before an audience of 280 in Hill Junior High School which enthusiastically applauded each militaristic sally.

Speaking was John Rousselot, national public relations director for the ultraconservative organization and a former California congressman.

"We'll try not to scare you to death," Rousselot told newcomers in the audience before beginning his address.

PREPARED SPEECH

He didn't in his prepared remarks. They consisted of 45 minutes of discourse in a conversational tenor on the Birch Society's dedication to the free enterprise system and alarm at what he said were similarities between the present Democratic administration's programs and those of "collectivist" doctrines ranging from communism to nazism.

In a later question period, though, sabers were not only rattled but flashed in great verbal arcs.

Asked for the Birch Society's position on the Viet Nam conflict Rousselot said our efforts there should be carried out "with vigor and determination and with a clear plan for victory."

"This country had a clear plan in World War II, he said: "On conditional surrender."

"We should have a full program of military conquest to rid this country (Viet Nam) of the Viet Cong and its Communist supporters from the north," Rousselot said.

WARNINGS SUGGESTED

We should warn Cambodia and other adjoining countries, he added, that if they tolerate our enemies within their borders "they run the risk of bombing also."

And, he added, Communist China should be told that if it continues subverting other nations "they, too, will run the risk of being bombed."

Turning to Cuba he said the American government "from the very beginning has guaranteed sanctuary to communism in Cuba" and declared:

"We should put a full blockade on Cuba, and declare war on it, and rid that country of its Communist government."

Then, he added, "it will be clear to freedom-loving people all over the world that we do take a stand for freedom, and that the Senator Fulbrights and the Senator Morses do not reflect true American thinking."

REDS CALLED CRIMINALS

Rousselot termed Communist leaders "ruthless, criminal cut-throats" and said "I don't believe in supporting any Communist government, whether it has popular support or not, because they're criminals."

The former congressman tangled in near-debate with two anti-Bircher members of the audience during the question period, but both were indecisive encounters. Rousselot scored more with deft sarcasm than with direct replies and displayed skill in encircling his questioners with questions of his own requiring affirmative answers—questions like: I think the Con-

stitution is the greatest document of human brotherhood, don't you?

Rousselot grouped communism, socialism and the former German Nazi government together as forms of collectivism.

"Remember that nazism, despite what we are told by fuzzy-minded professors, was a form of national socialism," he said. And readers of Adolph Hitler's "Mein Kampf," Rousselot added, "will be amazed at the similarities with the programs of the Great Society."

The junior high school rental cost local Birch Society members \$41. A \$1.50 admission fee brought in approximately \$420.

The rental was made in the name of "Local chapter, John Birch Society," by Miss Janet Holmes, 1301 Elati St.; Dr. Fred C. Metz, 1666 S. University Blvd.; James Miller, 1006 Krameria St., and Dr. C. E. Garciga, 525 Ash St.



JOHN ROUSSELOT

Sabers were rattled.

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Editor: PALMER HOYT
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TO : SAC, DENVER (62-1623)

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT:

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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

On 4/14/66 SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were approached by two individuals on the corner of 19th and Stout who were handing out copies of a newspaper entitled "Move to Stop Need for Income Tax." One of these individuals, [REDACTED] was recognized by SA [REDACTED] as a former fraternity brother. After exchange of greetings, [REDACTED] advised he was working for the John Birch Society and presented his business card to SA [REDACTED]. SA [REDACTED] did not mention by whom he was employed.

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Subject:

Informant advised the NAACP sponsored a picket line on Saturday, 3/19/66, in front of the George Washington High School at 655 Monaco, Denver, Colorado.

The picket line was formed to oppose an all-day meeting by the "Denver Committee to Improve Racial Relations."

Informant stated picketers marched from 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. and identified those individuals to whose files copies of this memorandum have been designated as participating in the picket line.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (62-1623)

FROM :
Security Patrol Clerk

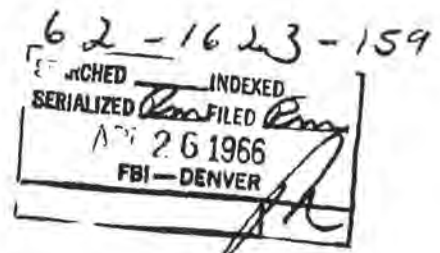
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On this date a unidentified caller telephonically contacted this office and said he was not a Bircher and did not wish to give his name but called to say there was a JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY meeting in progress at 10395 W. Colfax in the basement of the bank. Caller said it looked like there was a very good turn out for this meeting. Caller would not state where he got the information this was a JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY meeting.

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
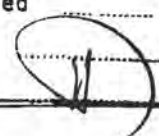
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Title: COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
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Synopsis:

Approximately 35 individuals, which included members of the CP and the Denver Branch, SWP, picketed a "conservatives civil rights seminar" being held at George Washington High School, Denver, Colorado, on 3/19/66. The picketing was organized by the Denver Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), who reported that the seminar was originated by the John Birch Society and was a racist and hate attack on the civil rights movement in Denver.

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DETAILS:

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I. COMMUNIST STRATEGY

No information developed.

II. COMMUNIST TACTICS

A. Demonstration, George Washington High School, Denver, Colorado, March 19, 1966

The March 2, 1966, issue of the "Denver Post," a daily Denver newspaper, reported that a newly formed "Denver Committee to Improve Racial Relations" is a front for the John Birch Society, aimed at linking the "communist conspiracy" with the civil rights movement. It was reported that the committee has been soliciting individuals, clubs, and organizations to purchase \$5.00 per person tickets to a "civil rights seminar" March 19, 1966. It reported that the committee was formed on the advice of a [redacted] of the John Birch Society.

It reported that the [redacted] of the John Birch Society. [redacted] acknowledged that the sole reason in forming the Denver Committee to Improve Racial Relations was to promote an all-day seminar March 19, 1966, at George Washington High School.

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It reported that the speakers for the March 19 seminar would be [redacted]. It reported that all of the speakers were Negroes except [redacted] for the Birch Society.

On April 1, 1966, [redacted] made available a letter dated March 15, 1966, written to the members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). The letter is quoted below:

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"Dear N.A.A.C.P. Member:

"Please join the PICKET LINE against the racist and hate attack on the civil rights movement in Denver being organized by the right-wing John Birch Society.

"Racists, many of whom are also White Citizens Council supporters, have organized an all day meeting here in Denver this Saturday to attack the Negro freedom movement. The name of the segregationist group is "The Denver Committee to Improve Racial Relations".

"JOIN US

"SATURDAY, MARCH 19th, 9:30 a.m.

"At George Washington High School
655 South Monaco St.

"(South Monaco St. at East Exposition Ave.)

"Come early! The picketing is to last two hours.

"This is important. Please show your support for
FREEDOM NOW.

"Sincerely,

"Denver Branch, NAACP

"Oliver Diggs, Direct Action
Chairman

"Telephone: 322-3917

"DON'T BE MISLED BY THIS GROUP WITH A

"PHONY CIVIL RIGHTS NAME

"Who Are They?

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"A 'front' committee for the John Birch Society - A right wing extremist group with a goal in 1966 to attack and discredit the civil rights movement.

"Why?

"What better way to exploit any white prejudice and backlash that exists in the country.

"What better way to attract the 'do-nothings', 'go slow' and racist elements to membership?

"While waging war against the civil rights movement, the John Birch Society has, at the same time tried to create a fake image of itself as friendly to Negroes.

"Don't be fooled by a phony name or a handful of 'show Negroes' on their program who are on their payroll!!! The John Birch Society is seeking to exploit the nation's racial tensions for its own propaganda and recruitment.

"The Denver Branch, NAACP"

On March 21, 1966, [] reported that approximately 35 individuals picketed George Washington High School, Denver, Colorado, during the morning hours of March 19, 1966, protesting the "conservatives civil rights seminar" which was being held at the high school. Between 175 and 200 people attended the seminar.

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On April 1, 1966, [] reported that a group of individuals under the sponsorship of NAACP participated in the picket line between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., on March 19, 1966, at George Washington High School, protesting a seminar being conducted by the "Denver Committee to Improve Racial Relations." Three members of the Denver Branch, Socialist Workers Party (SWP) were present in this picket line.

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A characterization of the Denver Branch,
SWP is part of the appendix attached hereto.

On March 21, 1966, [] reported that approximately 35 individuals under the direction of the NAACP participated in the picketing of a conservatives civil rights seminar being held at George Washington High School on March 19, 1966. This seminar was under the sponsorship of the Denver Committee to Improve Racial Relations, which committee was organized by members of the John Birch Society. One member of the Communist Party (CP) group in Denver participated in this demonstration.

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III. COMMUNIST PENETRATION AND INFLUENCE IN
RACIAL AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

No information developed.

SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY - DENVER BRANCH

A source advised in June, 1960, that as of May 24, 1960, the National Office, Socialist Workers Party (SWP), notified SWP members in Denver, Colorado, that they had fulfilled the constitutional requirements for the establishment of a branch and would thereafter be designated as such.

A second source advised on May 17, 1965, that the Denver Branch, SWP, collects dues from members, sends a portion thereof to the National Office, SWP, and follows instructions set forth by national officials of the SWP.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



In Reply, Please Refer to
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MEMO: SAC, DENVER

5/9/66

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

RE: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Cheyenne, Wyoming, advised on 5/9/66 that on 4/28/66 he was contacted by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] called on him to state the JOHN BIRCH Society was planning a large meeting at the Wyo Theater, Cheyenne, Wyoming, in the near future. The main speaker is to be [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] wanted [REDACTED] to introduce [REDACTED] at the meeting. [REDACTED] declined the invitation.

[REDACTED] advised the meeting is being held 5/11/66 under the caption of The Wyoming Speakers Committee and the speaker will speak on The Ten Commandments of Communism and the cost will be one dollar a head.

[REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] left with him a copy of The John Birch Society "A Report" which includes a photograph and paragraph referring to the Director. This material is attached.

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RE " LET FREEDOM RING "
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At 10:00 PM [redacted]

[redacted] telephonically
advised that [redacted]
wife of [redacted] had just
received an anonymous call relating " If you
want to learn about Communism, phone 542-3920"

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[redacted] stated he intended to phone such
number , but was providing above for information.

Phone 542-3920 on being dialed is a
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In the past several such numbers have
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[redacted] is allegedly active in The
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Birchers' Political Power Grab Described

By LEONARD LARSEN
Denver Post Staff Writer

Colorado members of the John Birch Society may seem harmless. And ill-informed — even laughable — but compared, Colorado might look to Southern California for a lesson.

There, according to Harvey B. Schachter, a research specialist for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Birchers are penetrating political party structures and areas of government itself.

LOCAL LEVEL

"What we see there are the beginnings of serious attempts to capture political power at the local level — councilmanic seats, assembly state, party offices," said Schachter during a Denver interview Wednesday.

Schachter, author of a recently published Anti-Defamation League pamphlet, "How to Recognize a John Birch Society Speaker," was in Denver on a brief Western tour which includes stops at Albuquerque, N.M., Pueblo, Colo., and Cheyenne, Wyo.

The 12-page pamphlet, which comments in detail on many of the blind, stock replies of Birch Society spokesmen — was written, Schachter said, "as a result of my frustration at the manner in which Birch Society spokesmen seem to be able to avoid questions put to them by people in the mass media, especially television."

EXAMPLES CITED

John Rousselot, the former California congressman and now a chief Birch Society organizer and spokesman, is a principal example of the type of spokesman the pamphlet would instruct, Schachter said.

Schachter, like Rousselot, a Los Angeles resident, suggested he had made part of a job covering the Birch Society's



HARVEY B. SCHACHTER
Anti-Communist

his public statements and assurances.

"I've been having fun with Rousselot," said Schachter. "As a speaker," was in Denver on a brief Western tour which includes stops at Albuquerque, N.M., Pueblo, Colo., and Cheyenne, Wyo.

Discussing the Southern California political penetration, Schachter noted that the Birch Society founder, Robert Welch, and Rousselot have stressed organization of chapters which follow political boundaries, down to the district and the precinct.

Birchers, he said, are known to be preparing to run in the upcoming primary elections in heavily Democratic areas like Watts, the Los Angeles Negro area devastated by riots last August.

The point is, Schachter said, they don't have a remote chance of eventual election but by winning a primary race they will gain some hold on the Republican party.

"Like the Communists," Schachter said, "they attempt to move to the seats of power."

He noted that Birch Society in California of the Young Republicans of California has been described as a "conspiracy" by the state Republican chairman.

A society defender, Schachter said, complained that, actually, only three Birchers were serving on the 23-member elected board of directors of the Young Republicans.

The Los Angeles Times, in a reply to that defense, observed that of the three Birchers, one was the treasurer in charge of funds and membership, one was the national committeeman and the third was the executive vice president, Schachter recalled.

STAFF FOR AREA

The society's members, he said, have "moved in" on other party-affiliated organizations and have set their sights on the State Central Committee itself.

In Colorado, Schachter suggested that however kept the local Birch Society members ap-

pear in their attempts to comment on public affairs, "just remember they have a coordinator and a staff for this area and they are exploiting all the fears and anxieties that confront all Americans."

To persons who hear the "slur" of the Birch Society and are considering membership, Schachter advised:

"Take a hard, good look at this organization which says it is anti-Communist but he demonstrated conclusively it can't tell a Red from a Republican."

"The Birch Society isn't what it tells you it is."

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DENVER, COLORADO

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Editor: PALMER HOYT
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Purpose and results of contact

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PCI advised that he had been approached [redacted] area, if he would be interested in joining the John Birch Soc. [redacted] advised that there would be a representative of the Soc. in the [redacted] area in approx. 2-3 weeks to make a speech. PCI stated that [redacted] and [redacted] were close to [redacted] and that they were very interested in the Society. [redacted] intentions on [redacted] PCI was advised the FBI was not investigating this group, but would be interested in its activities. PCI stated he would be open to any further info. re: this group.

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Birch Society's Founder to Give Speech in Denver

Robert Welch, founder and president of the John Birch Society, will speak in Denver's Phipps Auditorium at 8 p.m. Sept. 18.

"Onward to Greatness, America" is the topic for Welch's talk sponsored by the Denver chapter of the right-wing society. Tickets, at \$3 each, can be purchased at the American Opinion Library, 1341 Bluff St.

Welch, a retired candy manufacturer from Belmont, Mass., formed the John Birch Society in 1957 as an anti-Communist group.

He has written several books, including the society's "Blue Book" and "The Politician" in which he accused former President Eisenhower of being a "communist agent" of the Communist cause.

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**16 THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN
NEWS, DENVER, COLO.**

Date: **9/8/66**

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Editor: **JACK FOSTER** *rum*

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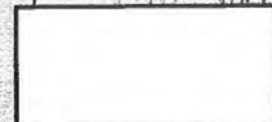
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TO : SAC

DATE: 9/21/66

FROM :

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SUBJECT: INFORMATION CONCERNING
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

[REDACTED] TELEPHONE NUMBER
[REDACTED] CONTACTED WRITER AND ADVISED THAT
IF A PERSON DAILED 444-2213, HE WOULD GET A TAPE
RECORDING ON THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. [REDACTED] ADVISED
THAT HE THOUGHT THE FBI WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THIS.
HE FURTHER STATED THAT HE WOULD CONTACT OFFICIALS IN
THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE ABOUT
GETTING THE TELEPHONE COMPANY TO DISCONNECT THE NUMBER.
[REDACTED] WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT THIS MATTER
AND WHAT THE FINAL RESULT WILL BE.

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Welch Hurls Barbs at Reds in Denver Speech

Dr. ARTHUR THALANDER, founder of the Birch Society, hurling at Reds the barbs of his own beliefs, America's best known anti-communist speaker when he delivered his address at the annual meeting of the society's north of Denver branch last week.

The speech was delivered at the home of Robert J. Welch, the founder and president of the John Birch Society. In his preface speech to the speech at Birch's headquarters, Welch noted that he was not a member.

But not so much as he was the way which the society's anti-communist line was set, he noted the way he was not a member, he noted the way he was not a member, he noted the way he was not a member.

Welch, who said the society was not a member, he noted the way he was not a member, he noted the way he was not a member, he noted the way he was not a member.

The speech came during a half-hour question and answer period in which all the questions were answered by Welch. Welch's speech was the first of a series of speeches by Welch at the society's headquarters.

The speech started "Communist is a terrible, terrible, but not given only once before, but only in such a way as to be a warning to the world. But it seemed to be the only way of the same kind that has provided such a warning for the Birch Society. The last decade or so.

The former chairman, Dr. Welch, said he did not have enough time to cover the anti-communist line, but he was sure that there was a way to do it. He said that Americans try to accomplish through government.

Welch, as the president of the society, he said he was not a member, he noted the way he was not a member, he noted the way he was not a member.

In tracing the effect of communist policy to the Birch Society, Welch said that the society was not a member, he noted the way he was not a member, he noted the way he was not a member.

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Advancing into modern times, Welch blamed communism for making the world a better place.

The speech "made the world a better place," he said, "but it was not a member, he noted the way he was not a member, he noted the way he was not a member."

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and that the people are not...
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the "United States is doing today in Rhodesia?" He also...
praised the British for their policy in Rhodesia and the former French power in Indochina.

Among the latter "lies" according to Welch is the belief that the United States is the greatest enemy of communism in fact, Welch told his rapid listeners, "Since 1945 the most powerful force in turning nations over to communism has been the foreign aid of the American government."

The machine business man who still speaks as if he were lecturing off an annual report, drew vigorous, but brief, responses when he cited South and Portugal as among the beneficiaries of anti-communism. Other countries in this category, he said, are West Germany, Australia and New Zealand — but not the United States.

It is the influence of the "anti-communism 2 per cent" of federal employees who are loyal but have attacked the Communists to

the "anti-communism" of the U.S. government, Welch said.

The No. 1 objective of the "insiders," as Welch terms those who are running the "anti-communism," is to keep the people ignorant of how much power they have and of their long-range goal — annihilation of the American people.

But there's hope. The only thing the movement can't stand, Welch says, is exposure. And that's the specialty of the John Birch Society, which Welch said is the most effective anti-Communist force in the United States today.

Because of the society members' dedication and determination, instead of being destroyed by their enemies they will rise up and destroy the "Communist conspiracy," Welch predicted.

His followers in Colorado evidently still share their leader's enthusiasm. Nearly one third of the people stood in line to shake hands with Welch, congratulate

him or have material autographed.

An obviously thrilled teen-age girl beamed to the anti-Communist man who seems to thrive on conspiracy. "It's great to see somebody who has courage."

A well-dressed older woman who had come with the 11-member Colorado Springs delegation told him, "I felt inspired to fire aimed."

Welch's first appearance in Denver was on June 21, 1961.

When he spoke under sponsorship of the Denver-based Young Men's Patriotic Association, he spoke alongside Billy James, Hargis in Manitou Springs, Colo., in August 1961 during one of Hargis' Christian Crusades.

Welch planned to leave Denver Tuesday morning for a speech later in the day in Tucson, Ariz. He will speak Wednesday in Albuquerque, N.M., and Thursday in El Paso.



ROBERT WELCH, RIGHT, PRESIDENT OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, ON STAGE MONDAY NIGHT IN DENVER. Seated in Philips Auditorium are, from left, Bob Burns, Denver, master of ceremonies; Joseph Siegel, Colorado Springs, national chairman of Jewish Society of America; Pastor Tom Moore, Lakeside Baptist Tabernacle; the Rev. James Miller, Montclair Community Church; and Donald Kennedy, Denver area Birch Society co-leader.

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John Birch Society Plans To Open Bookstore Here

The John Birch Society in store would stock more than 2,000 volumes of conservative American Union, brochures, and liberal literature. Pueblo within the next three months.

Rex Westerfield, regional public relations director, Ralph S. Bowman, western states library representative, and Donald H. Kennedy, society coordinator for the Colorado area, met with local chapter officers Monday night to discuss opening of the Pueblo store and the society's current expansion program.

"The Pueblo store will be one of 400 new stores to be added to the John Birch Society's present 400 store chain," Bowman said. "We don't want to be any bigger than that," he said.

The John Birch Society is entering a national expansion program, Westerfield said, that could result in four times the present membership of 100,000. He said the key step in the program would be the addition of 25 coordinators to the present staff of 10. Coordinators supervise activities of chapters in their area and consequently stimulate growth, he said.

Westerfield said the 400,000 membership goal is the desired maximum for the organization.

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On 2/28/67, [redacted]

[redacted] residence [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he attended a symposium at Loretto Heights College on 1/21/67. He stated that this was an all-day symposium on white power as opposed to black power. [redacted] stated that he attended because he was a member of the Denver Branch of the John Birch Society and interested in the demands of black power. He stated that [redacted] showed up at the symposium on the afternoon of 1/21/67. [redacted] stated that he was in the audience during the time [redacted] was on the panel and asked [redacted] several questions concerning black power.

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[redacted] kept saying things like, "The Negroes in this country have been getting it from whitey for many years and that the Negroes were going to take power away from whitey." [redacted] stated that he asked [redacted] about the white people and whether he and other white people would have to protect themselves by arming themselves and joining some organization like Minutemen in order to defend themselves against militant Negroes like [redacted] said, "Yes, and you Birchers are the first ones we are going to get."

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[redacted] advised that he was subsequently contacted by a woman named [redacted] whom [redacted] identified as a white woman, approximately [redacted] years of age and who is a [redacted] and who attends Denver University. [redacted] stated that she was acquainted

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with [] and wanted [] to meet with [] at her home for dinner and, consequently, on 2/22/67, he arrived at her home and met with [] stated that from approximately 8:30 P.M., off and on until 3:00 A.M., he conversed extensively with [] concerning [] political views.

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[] stated that [] commented he believed Negroes in the United States today are living in a police state and that if Negroes cannot get what they want, then they will prevent the white people from getting anything. [] stated that he mentioned he feared a simultaneous Negro insurrection in the United States with United States troops spread throughout the world and [] stated that this is a thing that whites should fear. [] asked [] if he was interested in racial integration and [] said, "No, we are going to colonize the United States. We have learned from the white people how to get power." [] stated that [] commented that the white people took the country away from the Indians by force and, consequently, the Negroes will take control of the country from the white people by force.

[] stated that he advised [] the Negroes are only 10 per cent of the population of the United States and, consequently, would [] be willing to settle for 10 per cent of the land. [] said he would not be interested in 10 per cent of the land and then [] said, "How about 50 per cent of the land?", and [] stated, "Now you are talking." [] commented that although he, [] was attempting to be facetious at this point, [] was absolutely serious.

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[] stated that he talked to [] about the ability of Negroes in the United States to forcibly overthrow the United States Government and [] commented that the time is not quite ripe for the Negro revolution and also made some comment about getting help from outside the United States, but [] could not recall the details concerning this comment. [] advised that [] said he did belong to some "international organization," but [] did not press [] for the identity of this organization.

[] advised that [] commented that he was against the capitalistic system in the United States and

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[] said that if he ever needed food or other necessities, he would not hesitate to kill anyone to get it and if any policeman got in his way, he would kill the policeman.

On 3/4/67, [] telephonically contacted the FBI to advise on the night before, 3/3/67, he proceeded to the home of [] and at that time was met by [] who was helping to prepare dinner. He stated that he shook hands with [] after which [] promptly left the house without further comment and drove away in [] automobile.

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During interviews with [] he stated that [] commented that she was active in a Students for Democratic Society organization on the DU campus. He stated that on 3/3/67, when he went to [] house, [] told him that she and [] were getting ready to go to an SDS meeting on the DU campus.

[] stated he did not believe [] would be very cooperative in view of the fact that she is very emotional and appears to be quite friendly with []

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Birch Society Urging Defeat For Skyline

By JOANNE BECKLER
Rocky Mountain News Writer

Two John Birch Society spokesmen said Monday the society hopes the proposed Skyline Urban Renewal Project is defeated in the May 16 election and members are working toward that goal.

"We encourage them to oppose it (urban renewal)," Ray Westerfield of Dallas, regional public relations manager, said.



Westerfield

"It violates the rights of personal property. Even the Americans for Democratic Action have said in their own printed material it will bring about hardship," Westerfield said. "We don't believe it's right individually or collectively to steal private property and keep it for their own use."

Don Kennedy of Denver, area co-ordinator, said he personally is not involved but some of the local Birch members are working toward Skyline's defeat.

Westerfield said they "don't believe in outside agitators" and will leave Skyline's defeat strictly to the local people.

He claimed Birch members have been successful in defeating urban renewal projects in 45 American cities. In some cities such as Corpus Christi, Tex., the society "made the difference."

Although the society claims about 100,000 members nationwide, Westerfield and Kennedy refused to say how many are in Colorado or how many of those are working toward Skyline's downfall.

"I couldn't give you a definite answer and I wouldn't," Westerfield said. "It's simply a matter of strategy."

The Skyline project is designed to turn a dilapidated 37-block area of downtown Denver into a modern area of office buildings and apartments.

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'AMAZING SUCCESS'

Birchers Aim to Intensify War

By BILL MYERS
Denver Post Staff Writers

The John Birch Society has met "an amazing degree of success" in its newly launched drive to intensify the war in Vietnam and win it as early as possible, a society official said in Denver Monday.

Rex Westerfield of Dallas, Tex., regional manager of public relations for the society, said members have obtained more than 350,000 signatures on petitions calling on U.S. congressmen to cut off all U.S. aid to Red nations helping to supply the North Vietnamese.

The goal, he said, is 10 million signatures "in the very near future."

WEEK OF TALKS

Westerfield, 39, arrived in Denver Monday for a week of talks on the new campaign with society members and friends.

He also will visit Greeley, Colo., and Cheyenne, Wyo.

The goal of the drive, he said, is to "turn the war over to military people, take it out of the hands of the Edsel-makers (a reference to Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, a former Ford Motor Co. official) and win the war in Vietnam."

"The American people are fed up with that thing over there," Westerfield said. "If

we're going to fight it, let's fight it and get out. Let's stop feeding the people who are killing Americans."

He said at least 80 per cent of North Vietnam's war supplies come from Russia and its European satellites.

He was critical of limitations placed on operations by U.S. and other allied fighting men in Vietnam.

"There's treason somewhere

in the woodpile or it (the war) wouldn't be fought that way," he said.

Another of Westerfield's purposes in his visit here is to raise money to finance the expansion of the society's present staff of 80 area coordinators to 435—or one for each U.S. congressional district.

The society now has about 100,000 members in the United States and is striving for about 435,000, he said. Westerfield said he couldn't give membership figures for Colorado and Denver because the figures aren't broken down on that basis, but rather by large areas.

He said win-the-war drive activities in Colorado will include a speaking tour next month by Nord Wilson, a U.S. Navy pilot who served in Vietnam and then resigned his commission in protest to the limitations placed on pilots.



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REX WESTERFIELD

The goal is 10 million.

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Negro Mayor Not Right for Welch

By RICHARD TUCKER
Rocky Mountain News Writer

The newly elected Negro mayor of Gary, Ind., is "utterly unqualified to be a mayor," the head of the John Birch Society (JBS) charged here Friday.

"I wish they were elections we could afford," Robert Welch said of victories by Negro mayors in Gary and Cleveland.

The founder and president of the right wing organization said he didn't know enough about Cleveland's Carl Stokes to comment.

But he declared the "Communist associations" of Richard G. Hatcher of Gary "are well known."

'Want to Help'

In an airport press conference, Welch declared the JBS was "the first to want to help our Negroes."

But in discussing the society's strength, he pointed to the influence of organizations like TACT (Truth About Civil Turmoil), front groups that attempt to prove the civil rights movement is a Communist plot.

In a speech at the University of Denver Friday night, Welch discussed "The Tragedy of Vietnam" and made a pitch for JBS petitions urging Congress to halt all trade with Communist countries. He

said more than 550,000 signatures have been obtained.

"We should be at war with the Communists right here in the United States," Welch said. He claimed communism's greatest strength is in the U.S. Government and charged "they have not the slightest intention of winning the war."

Win 'Overnight'

The war could be won "overnight," Welch said, by "taking he wraps off our boys."

Then he said the U.S. could set up a "real anti-Communist regime there and bring our boys home."

Communist influences at home, Welch said, "are shown most clearly by the way we are supplying our enemies."

While declaring the JBS does not name names in exposing communism, Welch said Defense Sec. Robert McNamara and State Sec. Dean Rusk "are as responsible as anybody" for U.S. policies.

He declined to name President Johnson, saying he would need to do considerable research before determining how much Mr. Johnson is responsible.

Slams Ike

Some years ago, Welch labeled President Eisenhower as "a conscious agent of the Communists" in his book, "The Politician." He said Friday he reached this conclusion after 10 years of study.

During the press conference,

local JBS officials distributed a number of pamphlets, including one by Alon Stang titled "Reids Tijerina: The Communist Plan to Grab the Southwest."

Welch said Stang's "expose" was carefully researched and showed that Tijerina's land grant rebellion in New Mexico is really a Communist attempt to set up a separate principality.

Several columns in Stang's article are devoted to Rodolfo (Corky) Gonzales of Denver, who supported Tijerina after the June 5 Tierra Amarilla Courthouse raid that resulted in kidnaping and assault to murder charges being filed against Tijerina and several others.

Tijerina will be in Denver Saturday to speak at an anniversary dinner of Gonzales' Crusade for Justice. He also will make several other talks in the area.

Welch refused to give any opinion on who he favors for the Republican presidential nomination in 1968 because "that would be construed as taking a position." He insisted the JBS is an educational organization and "we don't try to guide or influence our members" on political choices.

Welch also declined again to say how many members the JBS has either nationally or in Colorado.

He put the national membership as between 60,000 and 100,000 and said he didn't know the Colorado total "but it is not one of our top states."

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Robert Welch
... Birch chief in Denver

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Welch Blandly Gives Shocking U.S. View

By TOM GAVIN
Denver Post Staff Writer

He might have been a small town druggist mildly complaining to a chance acquaintance of shrinking profit margins.

But the soft-spoken, well-pressed, white-haired-and-balding man was Robert H. Welch Jr., head of the militantly ultrarightist John Birch Society. And what flowed from his unhurried tongue in curiously conversational tones was a series of shocking suggestions that the government of the United States is cancerously riddled with Communist sympathizers who, in effect, send uniformed American youngsters to South Vietnam, and send armaments with which to kill them to North Vietnam.

"Allegations of high crimes and treasonous misdemeanors, you feel, should involve barely suppressed rage and violent gesture.

But there he sat in a Stapleton International Airport plane boarding area — a totally unremarkable man, mild of manner, a hyperactive left thumb the only visible sign of inner tension.

'Here in the U.S.'

"The greatest power of the Communists in the world is right here in the United States," Welch said in that quiet way.

"Examine what has happened to one country after another since 1945 as the Communists have taken over Czechoslovakia or Yugoslavia or China or Cuba. You go right through the list and you'll find that the most powerful single force in enabling the Communists to take over those countries was the United States government, by which I mean the Communist influence within the United States government."

An example?

"The Communist force in the United States government is shown most clearly by the way we are now supplying our enemies. Over 80 per cent of the equipment being used to kill our boys in Vietnam is being supplied by Soviet Russia and its European satellites. Not one of them could be supplying that equipment

if it wasn't for the help we're giving them."

Who does he hold responsible?

"Well, the Communist influences in general. It's pretty hard to pinpoint. But I won't dodge the question and I'll say I would hold (Defense Secretary Robert) McNamara and (State Secretary Dean) Rusk as responsible as anybody."

How About LBJ?

How about President Johnson?

"I don't know."

Welch was reminded that he had characterized former President Dwight Eisenhower, in Welch's most controversial statement, as a knowing instrument of the Communists.

"Yes," he said before the question was fully out, "but only a long time afterwards, when I could look at the whole picture and put it together and put 400 pages of carefully documented history behind it.

"I'm not in a position to do it with regard to what's happening now, or to make up my own mind."

Then you wouldn't say the same thing about President Johnson?

"No, I wouldn't say it. I wouldn't even try to tell you how much he's responsible for what's happening, except that he's there and perhaps could take a stronger position one way or another."

'Utterly Unqualified'

Welch termed the newly elected Negro mayor of Gary, Ind., "utterly unqualified" because of "his past Communist connections," pictured the Reies Tijerina-led troubles in New Mexico as part of a Communist plan to "set up a separate state," and declared that President Johnson's administration hasn't "the slightest intention of winning the war" in Vietnam.

And throughout his voice was atonal, with no more inflection or emphasis than a grocery clerk reading an order for bread, beans and milk.

Welch blended easily into the crowd. He might have been a small town druggist.

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ROBERT H. WELCH JR.

A series of shocking suggestions.

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Birch Spokesman Denies 'Bigotry'

The John Birch Society (JBS) is not a "hideaway for racists and bigots," a spokesman for the right wing organization said Friday.

"We are concerned for people of all races, colors and creeds too," said the Rev. James C. Miller in answering charges by Robert Waggoner, Jefferson County Republican chairman.

Rev. Mr. Miller, pastor of Montclair Community Church, is a senior section leader for JBS. As such, he co-ordinates all Birch activities in the metro Denver area.

Waggoner charged the society with intolerance and prejudice Thursday in announcing the County GOP Executive Committee would not support a Birch-oriented slate of officers in the Jefferson County Young Republicans.

2 Sets of Officers

In effect, the YRs have two sets of officers until new elections in February. Conrad Gardner heads a group backed by Waggoner. Mrs. Betty Ramberg heads another with Birch ties.

Rev. Mr. Miller said many Negroes belong to the JBS and are "much more in accord with us than they are with Stokely Carmichael."

The scheduling of a Negro Bircher, the Rev. E. Freeman Yearling, to speak at a Jeffco YR meeting was one of the incidents leading to the organizational split.

"We have been critical of what we see as Communist exploitation of race riots," Rev. Mr. Miller said.

"To call a criminal a criminal is not racist," he declared. The JBS believes in free association, the pastor said al-

lowing people to live, go to school and associate with whom-ever they choose.

Oppose Force

"We are not opposed to voluntary integration," he said, "but we are opposed to laws that force integration."

He said Birch members also oppose "black nationalists who seem to be advocating apartheid."

Rev. Mr. Miller said he would classify the Ku Klux Klan as a racist group and that the JBS stands ready to expose it.

A JBS speaker next month will be the Rev. Delmar Davies, a Bircher who infiltrated the Klan for the FBI. He was a chief witness at Mississippi trials of persons accused of slaying three civil rights workers.

Rev. Mr. Miller said he doubted if civil rights organizations would take similar steps "to expose the Communists" in groups like the Student Non-Violent Co-ordinating Committee (SNOC).

JBS members in the Jeffco YRs are acting on their own, Rev. Mr. Miller said.

He said there is no society program to infiltrate political parties and that the organization's membership is about equally divided between Republicans and Democrats.

He declared he feels Jeffco YRs were "unwise" if they wore Wallace for President buttons at a recent state YR convention, as reported by Waggoner. Rev. Mr. Miller said he planned to talk to Birch members about the incident.

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Bircher Fights GOP Charge

A John Birch Society spokesman objected Saturday to a Republican implication that the ultra-conservative organization is bigoted and follows racist policies.

The suggestion was made Friday by Robert E. Waggoner, Jefferson County GOP chairman, in a statement disavowing one faction in a battle for control of the suburban county's Young Republican organization.

Waggoner, saying he also spoke for the county party's executive committee, charged the disavowed YR faction was attempting to use the youth organization to broaden support for the Birch Society.

Waggoner termed the Birch philosophy "alien to the Republican party" and declared: "We owe to the Republican party the assurance that our party, born of our concern for people of all races, colors and

creeds, will not become the hideaway for bigots or racists."

Objecting was the Rev. James C. Miller, Montclair Community Church, a local Birch Society member and spokesman.

"We disclaim the adjectives 'bigot' and 'racist' and that our hallmark is intolerance and prejudice, which is implied by Waggoner's statement," the Rev. Miller said, "and we challenge him to produce a shred of evidence that is true."

The minister conceded the Birch Society is critical of the Ku Klux Klan.

"We're not racists," he said. "We simply believe when a person is engaged in criminal activity he should be called a criminal. We believe in freedom of association and we are against forced intergration."

The minister also said the Birch Society has no policy of attempting to infiltrate the Young Republican organization.

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On 12/29/67, [] called the Denver Office and advised that he had talked to SA [] about 3 years ago regarding the John Birch Society.

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He stated that since then, some more problems have arisen and he would like to talk to any agent who is familiar with the case, again.

He gave his business telephone as [] and his residence as []. He mentioned that he is not at home too much and it would be best to contact him at his business and possibly arrange a meeting place at a later date.

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This is to record that on 12/23/67 [REDACTED]
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racial matters, furnished me with two pamphlets of interest. One
is entitled "REYES TIJERINA THE COMMUNIST PLAN TO GRAB THE
SOUTHWEST BY ALAN STANG." This pamphlet gives a fairly good
background concerning captioned movement. This pamphlet is being
filed in the 1A section of 105-3813.

The other pamphlet furnished is entitled "A DENIAL OF MINORITY
RULE", written by MILLER. This pamphlet deals with the civil
rights movement in Denver and particularly its role in the recent
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC (62-1623) (C)

DATE: 1/30/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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Re memorandum dated 12/29/67.

On 1/23/68, [REDACTED] was personally interviewed by the writer, at which time he stated he had no information to provide to the FBI and that he had severed his connections with the John Birch Society. He stated he had been harassed in the past by the FBI and he thought he would move to either Canada or Australia. b6 b7C

[REDACTED] was straightened out completely regarding his alleged harassment and he appears to be under mental strain. No further contact should be made with him unless he appears at the office or telephonically furnishes information.

This case should be closed.

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TO : SAC

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : S [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
CASPER, Wyoming

This will record information that Deputy Sheriffs of the Natrona County Sheriff's Office, Casper, Wyoming, have recently received in the mail, copies of a pamphlet titled "NEGRO S. A. T. 'LIBER L' RACEISTS NEVER REMITTON". This is a reprint from American Opinion, Belmont, Mass., self described as an "informal Mental Review, edited by ROBERT NELSON".

Return addressed on these documents were as follows:

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The current telephone directory lists [REDACTED] as residing at [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]

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Plane Crash Kills 4 At Columbine Airport

A Phoenix couple and their two children were killed Friday night when their single-engine plane crashed and burned while attempting to land at Columbine Airpark west of Littleton in Jefferson County.

Deputy Coroner Carl Kircher identified the victims as Frank Marisch Jr., 46; his wife, Shirley, age unknown, and their children, Maurine, about 3, and Dorothy Jean, about 18 months.

The Associated Press in Phoenix said Marisch was Southwest regional co-ordinator of the John Birch Society headquartered in Phoenix.

Only apparent eyewitness to the crash was Victor Johnson, manager of Cole's Aviation at the airport, who said the Mooney Mark 21 had radioed for clearance to land at Columbine Airpark about 50 minutes earlier.

The all-metal 4-seat plane plunged to earth in the rolling brush-covered fields west of S. Kipling st., about a quarter mile short of the runway.

Johnson said he saw the plane approaching from the northwest about 700 to 800 feet above ground level.

"It lowered its landing gear and began a steep left turn," Johnson said. "While it was

turning, it began to lose altitude. The pilot apparently attempted to level the plane, the nose came up and it appeared to stall, then it fell off to the right and crashed."

Johnson said the aircraft burst into flames and burned within a matter of minutes.

"By the time anyone arrived at the scene, the cockpit area was engulfed in flames," he said.

The interior of the white Mooney was destroyed by the fire which burned the victims beyond recognition.

Burned items of clothing were strewn on the ground around the crumpled fuselage. Broken wires and bits of melted plastic were scattered in and around the plane.

Peter Justus, a Federal Aviation Administration supervisor in Denver, said investigators were attempting to determine exact cause of the crash.

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12 Sunday Star-Tribune, Casper, Wyo.

June 2, 1968

Government Termed The Fearful Master

Saying the hottest place in hell was reserved for those who do not take a stand, Dan Hanson Friday discounted government intervention in the creative activity of individuals.

Hanson, who terms himself a conservative constitutionalist, spoke Friday night to a group of 125 persons at a Wallace for President campaign fund raising dinner held at the Ramada Inn.

Hanson spoke in place of Tom Turnipseed, western state coordinator for former Alabama Gov. George Wallace. Turnipseed was scheduled to speak at the banquet but returned to Alabama for his grandmother's funeral.

Hanson, rancher from Kaycee, said that people in the country today cannot enjoy the blessings of liberty while government officials violate personal liberties. He quoted George Washington who termed government a "fearful master."

He said the trend in government today was for socialism based on popular cliches. One of the leading cliches, he said, was that the more complex the economy the more government control there should be.

Termed this a falsehood, Hanson went on to say that since economy and government has become more complex more freedom was needed by individuals to chart their own direction by vote to prevent excessive federal encroachment.

Hanson said the people today need a clear cut opportunity to make a choice politically which the present Republican and Democratic parties do not offer with the exception of the Wallace campaign.



"FEARFUL MASTER": (Terming the government a "fearful master," Kaycee rancher John Birch Society official Dan Hanson (right) told a group of 125 persons Friday night that former Alabama Gov. George Wallace offered the American people a "clear cut opportunity to make a choice politically." He is shown with Don Riddle of Casper, who heads Wallace's Wyoming campaign.)

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SUBJECT: RADIO STATION KTLN
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This is to record that on this date, numerous telephone calls were received by the Denver FBI Office from various citizens making reference to the fact that [REDACTED] who claims to be a [REDACTED] in connection with Communism was on Radio Station KTLN during the morning hours.

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According to the various individuals, [REDACTED] has stated that she is presently a member of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY and was extremely anti-communist and apparently the radio announcer was making light of her convictions.

The majority of the callers desired to know if [REDACTED] was in fact a [REDACTED] and if what she is saying is true and each time, they were appropriately informed that this question could not be answered as the files of the FBI were classified confidential according to Executive Order 10450.

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Birch Official Says Membership Grows in State

By SANDRA MICHEL
Staff Writer

One of the top three officials in the John Birch Society said Thursday in Casper that the right-wing group has been gaining members in Wyoming.

"Growth here in Wyoming has been exceptionally good, particularly in the last nine to 10 months," according to Rex Westerfield, San Marino, Calif. public relations director and policy maker for the group.

Westerfield declined, however, to say how many Birchers or society chapters there are in Wyoming, saying that even if he knew, the society does not publish such information.

"I never knew of any general in the field who told how many soldiers were over in that foxhole," he explained. The Birch Society is willing to say that its national membership has grown from 60,000 members to 100,000 in the past four years, he said.

Westerfield and two area coordinators from Denver, Don Kennedy and Jerry Kuplack, said they were in Wyoming to talk with chapter leaders about plans for expanding the chapters' activities. There are several chapters in Casper, they indicated.

The three men were escorted

by Don Riddle of Casper, former regional campaign coordinator for George Wallace.

Westerfield said the Birch society chapters in Wyoming have been "well-organized for some time." The society has members in almost every Wyoming town, Kuplack said, except perhaps Hell's Half Acre and Tie Siding.

STEP UP ACTIVITIES

The men promised that the John Birch Society was going to step up its activities in Wyoming.

Westerfield indicated the Wyoming goals and issues are the same as the national policy issues — sex education, support for police, the Supreme Court and foreign trade with Communist countries, among others.

Each chapter tries to do what it can on the local level to fulfill the national Birch Society policy goals.

Taking the sex education issue as an example, Westerfield said the chapters first try to make information on the issue available to a broad segment of the population and then members visit with the school's board and administration to make their opinions known.

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The third step is to utilize other opinion molders such as books, pamphlets, films and film strips. The society's public relations department, in which Westerfield works, produces the radio advertisements and films, including the one on sex education shown in Casper recently, he said.

The John Birch Society also has two publishing firms and a chain of more than 400 bookstores.

SEX EDUCATION BLOCKED

Westerfield said that the society, through its "motoreed" (Movement to Restore Decency) committees has been able to block sex education in schools in 27 states.

The John Birch society also played a significant role in the demise of Mr. (Abe) Fortas," he said, "for which we are very proud."

Commenting on the JBS campaign against former Chief Justice Earl Warren, Westerfield said that before the society could get impeachment proceedings underway, "he gave up and quit."

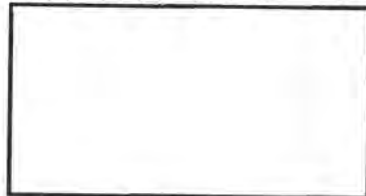
One result of the campaign against Warren, according to Westerfield, was that "we have focused the attention of American people on the Supreme Court." Seven years ago, when the campaign started, people didn't even know who Warren was, he said.

"I think the people are expecting some rather dramatic changes from the court," he said, now that it has a new justice and a new chief justice.

The changes the JBS expects are for the Supreme Court "to stop legislating," and "start considering law enforcement officers and victims and stop bleeding for the criminals," he said.

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

On 11/14/69, [REDACTED] 113th MI Group, Denver, [REDACTED] advised that one of the Agents from his office was in Montrose, Colorado on 11/13/69 and had occasion to interview one [REDACTED] (PH), owner of the [REDACTED] in Montrose. After the interview, which was on another subject, [REDACTED] asked the MI Agent what he thought of the John Birch Society. The Agent remained neutral on the subject and [REDACTED] stated that he just wanted to know because he was [REDACTED] of this society in the Montrose area. [REDACTED] invited the Agent to attend a movie entitled "The Grand Design - More Deadly than War", which was being shown in Montrose that evening. The Agent declined. [REDACTED] then indicated that the Agent could see the movie in Denver by making arrangements through [REDACTED] Denver, telephone [REDACTED]

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John Birchers will circulate anti-Red plea

Members of the John Birch Society in Colorado and other Rocky Mountain states will circulate petitions Saturday, urging U.S. senators and congressmen to press for an end to government aid of any kind to Communist countries.

Donald Kennedy, area coordinator for the society, said members in this part of the country hope to get 17,000 signatures on the petition. It asks members of Congress to exert their authority and use their influence "in an effort to persuade the Nixon administration to 'stop, promptly and completely, giving aid in any form, directly or indirectly, to our Communist enemies.'"

Americans, said Kennedy, "cannot understand why we should fight the Communists in Vietnam and help them everywhere else."

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Attached hereto is a pamphlet entitled "THE COMMUNIST Lessons in the Communist Technique" by ROGER BRUCE OF SHIELDS. According to the pamphlet, this is a reprint of an article which first appeared in the November, 1967 issue of AMERICAN OPINION, an informal monthly review edited by ROBERT WELCH.

This item was given to writer by [REDACTED], who is a casual acquaintance, and when he was asked where he received the pamphlet, he said "from the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY". This was given to writer on Sunday, February 15, 1970, and [REDACTED] did not indicate whether or not he was a JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY member and he was not questioned to this effect.

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Bircher Declares Reds Foment Riots

By OWEN FRANK
Staff Writer

One way Americans can fight the threat of a Communist takeover of the country is to "join the greatest organization in the United States today—the John Birch Society," Alan Strang told the audience of about 95 persons Tuesday night at the Ramada Inn.

Strang, a former writer for several national magazines and now a staff member of the Birch Society's publication, pointed out three elements of a "giant conspiracy to enslave Americans under tyranny." The first of these elements is to "create chaos, turmoil, fear, paralysis and weaknesses," he said. The second step would be to consolidate political parties and create a dictatorship and the third is to change the country's economy.

The talk was sponsored by the Casper TACT (Truth About Civil Turmoil), committee, an ad hoc (special committee) group of the John Birch Society.

There were about a dozen law enforcement officers on duty at the room where Strang talked. These included Casper policemen, sheriff's deputies and members of the Sheriff's Posse. They heard Strang describe recent riots as "attempts to discredit the local police."

Strang dwelt at length upon the riots across the nation, pointing out known Communists who were involved with the upheavals.

He said that Robert F. Williams, an avowed Communist and the leader of the Republic of New Africa group, has been freed in Detroit after having exiled himself from the nation. Williams was recently flown to Detroit from London in a unique flight in which he was the lone passenger.

William's group, according to Strang, advocates separation to the nation, similar to the plan Strang attributed to Josef Stalin to create a Negro-Soviet Republic from the states of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana and South Carolina.

"Grand Scheme"

Strang brought the situation closer to his Wyoming audience as he outlined the "grand scheme" of a militant leader, Tiejerina, to take over the state of New Mexico as well as portions of four other states. Strang said the Tiejerina plan failed only be a matter of hours of being launched although the militants did capture a county courthouse in the state.

Strang called the Omnibus Safe Streets and Crime Control act one step toward establishing a national police force in America. With the federal government giving "handouts to police departments across the nation," Strang said, the government may, "sooner than later," also be controlling the police. "After all," Strang said, "he who pays the piper calls the tune."

He likened the tactic to the federal aid programs for education. "And they've taken over there, too," he said.

"If you are going to take over the country, you have to take the guns away," Strang said, and then noted that "Hitler's weapons law was the same as that introduced in America about a year and a half ago."

Pointing out that the criminals would not obey the gun laws any more than any other law, Strang called the Sellers' law,

HR2166, an attempt to deprive people of their weapons.

Strang also called the war on poverty a "monstrous, gigantic fraud which is financing the revolutionaries—using your hard-earned money to promote the revolution."

He spent much of his time talking of the "most famous riot in American history"—the 1968 Chicago riots during the Democratic national convention. Strang, who said he was an accredited newsmen at

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the convention, said the riots were carefully planned and that J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, warned of them six months before the rioting started.

Students Red 'Dupes'

"College students are used in these riots as cannon fodder by the Communists," Strang said. He also pointed out that the symbol used today by the revolutionaries—the raised, clenched fist—is the official Communist salute.

"The Communists have used the technique of riots to seize every single country they ever got," Strang said, "the same technique used by the Socialist left-wing dictator Adolph Hitler to take over Germany."

Terrorists in the street are working in collaboration with the people who run the government in Washington," Strang claimed.

Either the citizens ignore the situation or they should "stand now and take action. These revolutionaries can't stand the light of day," Strang said as he urged his audience to learn the truth about the conspiracy through joining the Casper TACT (Truth About Civil Turmoil) committee.

(TACT) is described in its literature as an "ad hoc" committee of the John Birch Society. Local TACT committee officers were strong backers of the campaign of ex-Alabama Governor George Wallace and his American Liberation Party during the 1968 Presidential election.)

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Information on TACT

Following the speech in Casper last week of Alan Strang, avowed member of the John Birch Society who said that the revolution and riots in America are a part of a Communist conspiracy to take over the nation, many people have requested information on the local TACT (Truth About Civil Turmoil) Committee.

Heading the Casper group is Otto Kintzel, chairman. Ruth Williford is the secretary, Barbara Riddle is treasurer and Don Riddle is publicity chairman. Verena Afflerback is membership chairman.

More information about TACT, a special committee of the JBS, is available from these people.

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Birch Group Growth 'Fantastic'

Growth of membership in the John Birch Society has been "fantastic" during the past year in Colorado and Wyoming, the society's Denver-based coordinator for the two-state area said Friday.

The coordinator, Jerome M. Kuplack, 1060 S. Ogden St., estimated the organization's membership in Colorado in excess of 850 and in Wyoming, more than 600.

DENVER AREA

In the Denver metropolitan area, the more than 500 members in the approximately 30 chapters represent an increase of 50 per cent in the membership rolls in the last 15 months, Kuplack said.

Second in the state to the Denver area memberships is Colorado Springs, followed by Pueblo, the coordinator said.

Supervisor for the 10 coordinators in Colorado and six other Rocky Mountain states is Donald Kennedy, 2733 S. Oak St., who generally is the local spokesman for the society. In his absence, Kuplack takes over this role. No chapter leader or member is considered to be the organization's spokesman, Kuplack said.

The society was founded in December 1958 by Robert Welch, Belmont, Mass., and 10 other men meeting in Indianapolis, Ind. Total membership has grown to about 100,000 persons, Kuplack said.

SOCIETY'S GOALS

Welch, a retired business executive, is president of the society, which was founded "to promote less government, more individual responsibility and, with God's help, a better world."

In the organization's Blue Book in 1961, Welch wrote, "our enemy is the Communists, and we do not intend to lose sight of that fact for a minute. We are fighting Communists — nobody else."

Among some of the society's local and national programs, Kuplack said, are:

— Civil rights program, as defined by the U.S. Constitution. The Birch Society, Kuplack said, "doesn't support what has come to be known as the civil rights program — one which is revolutionary in nature, resulting in the loss of personal property, destruction and violence. This revolutionary movement," Kuplack said, has

the backing of the Communists, collectivists and those backing the communist movement.

VIEW EXPLAINED

The society's opposition to what the Birch Society terms "a violent revolution in this country," is based, Kuplack said, on the belief that this violence gives the federal government the excuse to pass more restrictive laws, usurping more of the individual citizen's freedom and increasing the strength and control of the government.

— Adoption of a Vietnam policy which would turn the war over to the military and take it out of the hands of the politicians and the U.S. State Department. And the military should not be hobbled with any restrictions in their effort to win the war and get out of Vietnam, Kuplack said.

— Cessation of all U.S. aid and trade to communist nations and their satellites. Kuplack said a recent study by the late Glenard P. Lipscomb, a Republican congressman from California, showed that this trade furnished more than 80 per cent of the war materials used against American and South Vietnamese soldiers in the Vietnam war.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

— Support for local law enforcement officers. And an accompanying effort to keep them free from state and federal aid, in the belief that whatever a government subsidizes, it will control.

— Removal of the government from a position which is in competition with free enterprise. In this effort, the Birch Society is working for passage by the states of the Liberty Amendment, which would require the government to give up more than 1,000 businesses which it owns, operates and maintains, Kuplack said.

— Opposition to what Kuplack called activities of the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) which support and finance revolutionaries trying to destroy the country.

— Opposition to the federal government's poverty programs. The Birch Society, Kuplack said, doesn't believe the federal government should be in the business of charity. A public assistance program has to be controlled at the smallest local level possible," he added.

— Efforts to move the U.S. Supreme Court away from what Kuplack said were the court's "communist" leanings, especially in the area of the Civil Rights Act, where he said the court's justices were legislating, and thus aiding the socialist cause in America.

A REPUBLIC

Members of the Birch Society are motivated, Kuplack said, by the belief that the United States is a republic, not a democracy, which he equated with a "mobocracy."

"In a republic," Kuplack said, "the least amount of restrictions is placed upon the people who, as a result, have

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more individual freedom. A Republic is a government of law, not of men.

One of the society's most controversial programs involves its opposition to any form of sex education in the school system, Kuplack said.

"Sex education must be taught by the parent, in the home, and in the atmosphere of the parents' own religion," he said.

Another national and local project of the society, Kuplack said, is MOTOREDE — the Movement to Restore Decency, in dress, movies, speech and literature.

BIRCH-SPONSORED

The movement was started by the Birch Society, but about two-thirds of persons active in the movement aren't members of the society, he added.

The most prevalent misconceptions about the Birch Society are encouraged, Kuplack said, by the name-calling to which the organization is subjected.

"They call the society secret, fascist, subversive, un-American, anti-Semitic, Nazi and rightist," Kuplack said. "But while we are always called names, no one attacks what we're doing."

Members of the Birch Society, Kuplack said, consider a limited government to be the middle of the spectrum. "Anything to the right of this leads to anarchy. Anything to the left leads to communism and socialism, which we feel are synonymous."

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"We Cannot Defeat Communism With Socialism, Secularism, Pacifism, Appeasement"

"We Are At War With This Sinister Conspiracy"

Address of J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, at the National Convention of the American Legion in Las Vegas, Nev., October 9th, 1962

"AN AMERICAN'S CHALLENGE"

At this critical hour in the life of our Republic, it is indeed a high honor to serve as keynote speaker for this great national convention. It is a great privilege to be thus honored by men and women who have demonstrated their patriotism and their courage in defending our beloved Nation.

Today, the American Legion is more vigorous than ever in inspiring national loyalty and promoting national preparedness. You have never faltered in your dedication to, and promotion of, American ideals.

In 1946, when I spoke to you at San Francisco, the world was just emerging from a long and devastating war — a war which claimed the lives of over four hundred thousand of our fellow countrymen. We looked hopefully for the end of hostilities and an era of peace — peace with dignity, peace with honor, peace with international trust and understanding.

We were aware, however, that a brand of tyranny and Fascism — Red Fascism — far more treacherous than that of Hitler and Mussolini, was emerging as a powerful threat on the inter-

national scene. By 1957, when I was honored to speak at your Atlantic City convention, the virus of Communism had spread in epidemic proportions, infecting vast areas of Europe and Asia. The stench of death from the brutal slaughter of Hungarian Freedom Fighters by Soviet hordes, paralleling the carnage of Genghis Khan, the Mongol conqueror of the thirteenth century, hung heavy in the world atmosphere.

Two years ago, in 1960, it was my duty to urgently warn your delegates at Miami that Communism had gained already a strategic beachhead in nearby Cuba; that Khrushchev, Mao Tse-tung and Castro were dictators of the same order, driven by the same atheistic urge to dominate men and nations.

I referred also to the devastating encroachments of crime and corruption — avowed enemies of the very ideals upon which our Republic was founded. The poisonous effect of these enemies on the social, economic and political life of America is keenly felt.

Today, we stand at the same crossroads and are faced with threats identical to those which confronted us sixteen years ago. These threats are accepted in

some quarters as the normal climate of life, to be met with appeasement or accommodation. The heavy inroads of international Communist aggression continue with a terrible ruthlessness.

Peoples everywhere must be prepared today to stand up and be counted — either for or against freedom.

We are an idealistic Nation — a Nation ruled by laws, not by men. Yet, each year shows new record peaks of crime and lawlessness.

Nearly two hundred years ago, Edmund Burke warned: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." How meaningful these words are today!

We have failed to meet the postwar goals which America had established for herself because the "good men" to whom Burke referred — the forces for decency in our Country — have failed in many respects to live up to their duties and responsibilities.

What has happened to the time-honored precepts of hard work and fair play which influenced the American scene during the all-important formative years of this great Republic? Where is the faith in God which fortified us through our past trials? Have our national pride, our moral conscience, our sensitivity to filth and degradation, grown so weak that they no longer react to assaults upon our proud heritage of freedom?

Crime and subversion are formidable problems in the United States today because, AND ONLY BECAUSE, there is a dangerous flaw in our Nation's moral armor. Self-indulgence — the principle of pleasure before duty — is practiced across the length and

breadth of the Land. It is undermining those attributes of personal responsibility and self-discipline which are essential to our national survival. It is creating citizens who reach maturity with a warped sense of values and an undeveloped conscience.

Crime is a parasite, feeding upon public disinterest and moral lethargy. This day, more than fifty-two hundred felonies — four serious crimes every minute — will be committed across the United States. They will include four hundred and thirty crimes of violence — murders, forcible rapes, and assaults to kill. At least two hundred and fifty robberies, ten an hour, will be recorded, as will forty-five hundred burglaries, major larcenies and automobile thefts.

Since 1946, our national crime totals have more than doubled. Over the past five years, since 1957, these crimes have risen five times as fast as our growing population.

Nowhere has this increase been more pronounced than among America's youth. Last year, persons under eighteen years of age were involved in forty-three percent of all arrests for serious crimes. They accounted for twenty-two percent of the robbery arrests, nearly one-half of the burglaries and larcenies, and well over half of the automobile thefts throughout the United States.

There is a moral breakdown among young people in the United States. The crime rate is outdistancing the population increase; pornography is flourishing; and there is a quest for status at the expense of morality.

The heavy toll of crime, both juvenile and adult, is a direct product of self-indulgence and

irresponsibility. There is a pattern of flight from responsibility.

It is utterly tragic that many otherwise intelligent people develop a blind spot with regard to the conduct of their own children. Until there comes about a greater degree of parental understanding — real interest, affection and concern — we will witness a continued upsurge in juvenile crime.

There must be a moral reawakening in every home of our Country. Disrespect for law and order is a tragic moral illness.

As Benjamin Franklin said: "Nothing is of more importance for the public weal, than to . . . train . . . youth in wisdom and virtue. Wise and good men are, in my opinion, the strength of a State; much more so than riches or arms. . . ."

Our city streets are jungles of terror. The viciousness of the rapists, murderers and muggers who attack women and young girls seems to know no bounds. This senseless sadism can be stopped only by a concerted, realistic action on the part of everyone connected with law enforcement and our judicial processes. We must adopt stiffer laws and a more stern policy toward these perverted individuals.

Too often, the interests of justice and consideration for the welfare of Society are buried under an avalanche of court decisions which give violators of the law rights and privileges that destroy respect for the law and the public safety.

Too often, technicalities have been permitted to exist in our penal codes which have been employed solely and exclusively for the benefit of that small minority of lawyers-criminal who use any tactic, no matter how unethical,

to defeat the interests of justice.

More and more the judicial legal system of this Country is being revised to benefit the criminal — to the disadvantage of the innocent. More judges should speak out against this legalized perversion of justice.

Too often, our parole boards are being influenced by impractical theorists — conference-room "experts" who are without experience in the arena of action against crime.

Too often, a cloak of special privilege is thrown around the enemies of Society, vicious young muggers, robbers, rapists and murderers, by poorly conceived and maladministered programs intended to promote their rehabilitation.

Mercy tempers justice in the American judicial system, but leniency was never intended to become a weapon for repeating offenders. Mercy can be hazardous and sympathy morbid when they are wasted on those who exploit them.

Responsibility for the wave of lawlessness now sweeping the Nation and the continued existence of conditions in which crime and corruption flourish, rests directly with the American people. The public, by its submissive attitude and its lethargic acceptance of infractions of the law, has helped create an atmosphere conducive to the insidious growth of underworld activity.

Crime is a community as well as a national problem. It will not be abolished by ignoring it. Perhaps it is sometimes oversensationalized; its gory details undoubtedly are distasteful to many people. But if the public is to be aroused to take needed action against what appears to be an epidemic of criminal activity, even sensationalism perhaps may

be justified.

We are paying dearly and in cold cash for these indulgences. Crime now costs the American people more than \$80 million a day. But this figure does not take into account the human factors — the personal grief, the broken homes, the physical and mental suffering. Nor can a price be placed on the loss of American prestige in the community of nations, or the eroding influence upon our heritage, which are by-products of the continuing growth of underworld activity.

Crime has a sinister partner in promoting the breakdown of our moral standards. This partner is international Communism — an aggressive and atheistic force which today controls one-third of the world's population and one-fourth of her land surface. The barbaric Communist empire now stretches from the Wall of Berlin to the China Sea, from Asia's Mekong River to the Escambray Mountains of Cuba.

In our Country, this international conspiracy is represented by a bold and defiant Communist Party — fanatically dedicated to the destruction of our form of free government.

The Communist Party, U. S. A., is an alien force, an agency of a foreign Power — the Soviet Russian Government. Today, it is engaged in an intensive campaign to openly defy the law and destroy public confidence in our entire system of justice.

Throughout the past year, the Party has deliberately and flagrantly refused to comply with a U. S. Supreme Court ruling which requires it to register with the Attorney General as an agent of the Soviet Union.

In furtherance of this campaign, front groups have been formed, propaganda leaflets circulated,

agitational meetings held — all for the purpose of attacking American laws and undermining faith in our democratic institutions. We must be aware of these tactics to sabotage our basic heritage of freedom.

The Communists, their myriad fronts and collaborationists do not fade away. The Communist Party today may be smaller in the United States, but it is a hard-core group of fanatics operating a massive and impressive propaganda machine. The danger and wiles of Communism cannot be measured solely by shrunken rolls of actual Party membership in this Country.

Communists continue with impunity to breathe out hate, particularly against the United States.

There is not an avenue to the heart and mind of Americans that is not used to implant their false ideology.

The Communists are experts in the practice of treachery and deceit. They have used this program of blatant defiance as an offensive weapon to rally the support of misguided, ill-informed and naive individuals.

Foremost among their targets have been America's young people, for the aim of Communism is world youth and the capture and corruption of that youth.

We have but to look at the shameful riots in San Francisco in 1960 when college youth in that area, encouraged by Communists, acted like common hoodlums in demonstrating against a committee of the U. S. Congress engaged in public business.

We have but to look at the Communists' success in stimulating the interest and participation of some of America's young people in the Communist-inspired and Communist-dominated World

Youth Festival which was held at Helsinki last Summer.

We have but to look at the Party's campus-speech program which has seen Communist functionaries appear before student groups at colleges and universities from New York to California. On one campus alone, a crowd of nearly twelve thousand turned out to hear the Party's general secretary, ex-convict Gus Hall, declare that the Communist Party, U. S. A., is a legitimate political organization on the American scene and deny its subservience to Moscow, from which it has been established that it actually receives orders and financial support.

The success of these and other programs which the Communists have directed against American young people can be measured by the enthusiasm of top Party officials who predicted several weeks ago that one thousand youths could be recruited as Party members before the end of the year.

Colleges should bear in mind that Communist speakers are not bound by any obligation to tell the truth.

The fact is that the Party in this Country functions as a valuable auxiliary of the Soviet-bloc espionage network! From their areas of influence, American Communists have produced a Julius Rosenberg, a Morton Sobell, and others both willing and able to betray vital secrets to the Soviet Union.

Today, there are nine hundred and twenty-five Soviet and satellite official personnel in the United States. The vast majority of them represent a cunning and dangerous espionage threat.

From the immunity of their diplomatic assignments, representatives of Communist-bloc na-

tions have directed intelligence networks within the United States. From 1950 through 1960, twenty-one officials of the Soviet Union alone were declared *persona non grata* or otherwise asked to leave the United States because of flagrant activities detrimental to this Country.

One Soviet defector, a former intelligence officer, has estimated that between seventy and eighty percent of the Soviet officials in the United States have espionage assignments. Years of personal experience qualify this man to speak with authority concerning the duplicity, the deception and the deceit which are inherent in every phase of the international Communist conspiracy.

During the last thirty years, the United States has participated in hundreds of meetings with the Communists — Teheran, Yalta, Potsdam, Panmunjom and Geneva. These meetings led to many agreements, almost all of which have been broken by Soviet Russia.

We are AT WAR with this sinister conspiracy! EVERY Communist today must be considered an enemy. WHEREVER HE MAY BE. AT HOME OR ABROAD!

A "SOFT" APPROACH toward the menace of Communism can lead only to national disaster!

Much has been done by the Government's internal-security programs; by investigation, arrest and prosecution of Party functionaries; and by widespread intelligent public opposition to the Marxist philosophy to thwart the Communist Party's efforts in this Country.

However, Communism remains an intense subversive threat. Our Nation's efforts to deal effectively with this menace are not enhanced by those of the extreme

munist label without intelligent analysis, or by those of the extreme Left who endeavor to minimize the real danger of Communism.

This latter group includes grossly irresponsible elements — a shocking number of whom have depended, for their very existence, upon tax-exempt funds. We have heard them shout "sententious poppycock" at well-founded and documented warnings against the capacity of the Communists to pervert our thinking and destroy the spiritual supports which form the foundation of our freedom. Inane statements such as these add nothing to the American people's understanding of the true menace of Communism, at home and abroad. They are a rank disservice to the cause of freedom.

I repeat, a "soft" attitude toward Communism can destroy us! We should unite as a people, around an intelligent, rational, sensible but **VERY HARD** attitude against Communism everywhere.

In the battle against Communism, as in all previous encounters with godless tyranny, the United States must win **AND WE WILL WIN**. Let Khrushchev, Castro and Mao Tse-tung recognize there is no force more powerful than the determination of a free and righteous people!

Let us not forget that whenever we have stood firm, Communism has retreated.

From the moment the American Republic was conceived, our Country has achieved its proudest moments in the face of adversity. Valley Forge; Belleau Wood; Guadalcanal; Pusan, Korea — these are proud names in the Nation's history, places where our

heights to overcome deadly enemies. **CHALLENGE, NOT COMPROMISE — VICTORY, NOT DEFEAT** — these are words which have real meaning for true Americans!

We must assemble our strength — the moral strength endowed upon us by our Creator, the Author of Liberty. We must reaffirm our determination — the God-inspired determination to protect our freedoms and safeguard our democratic heritage at all costs.

In the heat of an all-out struggle with an alien godless ideology, this Nation needs all the prayers it can get. Prayer and devotion to our Creator are basic to American strength and courage.

There is a vast difference between Americanism and Communism. One teaches morality; the other, expediency. One follows the Law of God; the other, no law. One is founded upon spiritual values; the other is complete secularism. One is characterized by deep religious conviction; the other, by ruthless, atheistic materialism. The Communist World is a world of walls, searchlights, and guards — a prison for the heart, mind and soul.

The United States is second to no nation in material wealth. From our free economy has emerged a standard of living beyond the reach of any Communist-controlled people in the world. But, in luxury there is the danger of physical weakening and moral softness. Self-indulgence can prove fatal. It can accomplish from within what our most deadly enemies have been unable to do from without.

We cannot defeat Communism with Socialism, nor with secularism, nor with pacifism, nor with appeasement or accommodation.

COMMUNISM WITH TRUE AMERICANISM.

The fight against crime and Communism can be won, and it will be won with, **BUT ONLY WITH**, the help of every decent American citizen. No individual in this great Land of ours should underestimate the importance of his or her rôle.

Let us all work that there may be a rebirth of freedom under God in our Nation.

As Astronaut John H. Glenn Jr. said: "Freedom, devotion to God and Country are not things of the past. They will never become old-fashioned."

Every strong nation in history has lived by an ideal and has died when its ideals were dissipated. We can be destroyed only

ready, we shall neither be Dead nor Red!

It is what a nation has in its heart, rather than what it has in its hand, that makes it strong. The nation which honors God is protected and strengthened by Him.

To foster the cause of liberty and justice — this is the goal of America and the goal of every Legionnaire. This goal has been challenged by Communism and crime. America has accepted the challenge and **WE MUST AND WILL MEET IT SUCCESSFULLY**.

We are a God-loving people. This is our **GREATEST** strength. Let our national motto always be: "In God We Trust."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (62-1623)

DATE: 6/8/70

FROM : ASAC MORLEY

SUBJECT: CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTER
POST OFFICE BOX 1085
BOULDER, COLORADO
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

Re Denver letter 2/13/63, and Buairtel 2/6/63.

A copy of the pamphlet "We Are At War With This Sinister Conspiracy" was recently made available to the Denver Office by [redacted] Retired Chief Clerk of the Denver Office, who advised copies of this pamphlet are available in the recreation room of [redacted] a condominium-type establishment, generally inhabited by retired individuals, and where [redacted] currently resides. b6 b7C

A copy of that pamphlet is attached.

In referenced correspondence Denver previously made inquiry concerning the distributors of the pamphlet, which is the Citizens Information Center, Post Office Box 1085, Boulder, Colorado, and pursuant to Bureau instructions in referenced airtel, representatives of this office previously contacted appropriate officials of the Citizens Information Center, as set forth in referenced Denver letter and requested they desist from selling copies of the Director's address, as set forth in the pamphlet. The last page of the pamphlet indicates the price of reprints of the Director's speech.

Current inquiry in Boulder, Colorado, based upon the receipt of the pamphlet from [redacted] indicates Post Office Box [redacted] was discontinued on 1/1/64, under the name of [redacted] and the Citizens Information Center. b6 b7C

The box is currently being rented by a [redacted] a clothing salesman in Boulder, who resides at [redacted] and Denver indices are negative on [redacted]

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SA [REDACTED], who made the current inquiry, said the Boulder directories are negative concerning individuals formerly associated with captioned organization as listed in referenced Denver airtel.

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On 5/28/70, [REDACTED] was recontacted at which time she advised that none of the individuals formerly identified with the Citizens Information Center reside at [REDACTED] and copies of the pamphlet are no longer in evidence on these premises. She advised that any further information coming to her attention would be immediately brought to the attention of the Denver Office.

In view of the fact this is the exact same pamphlet that was distributed in 1963 and the fact the post office box is now listed to others it appears this pamphlet is left over from the previous distribution rather than being a current endeavor to circulate it for a fixed price and therefore no further action is necessary.

The pamphlet is being retained in the file.

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SA [REDACTED]

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TACT (TRUTH ABOUT CIVIL TUPMOIL)
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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This date SA [REDACTED] called from Glenwood Springs, Colorado, and advised that COP [REDACTED] Glenwood Springs, advised him that an individual with some unidentified helpers, identifying himself as [REDACTED] "Vice of Watts Newsletter" was passing out pamphlets on a house-to-house basis at Glenwood Springs, such pamphlets titled "Civil Rights is a Fraud" and discusses at length the fact that civil rights and many of the other issues being raised are being brought about by a Communist plot, and the enemies of America are using these false claims to destroy her.

SA [REDACTED] advised that the pamphlets indicate that a meeting, to take place Monday, 10/12/70, at Glenwood Springs, is being sponsored by TACT and the Glenwood Springs Committee to Support Your Local Police Department.

SA [REDACTED] requested any background information.

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I called SA [REDACTED] Los Angeles, who advised that [REDACTED] is known to the Los Angeles Office as a right winger who about one or two years ago [REDACTED] a newsletter called "Voice of Watts" which was a right wing, conservative publication, blaming most of the ills in the Los Angeles area to the Communist Party and an international Communist plot.

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Denver indices show that TACT is an ad hoc committee of the John Birch Society and this would indicate that [REDACTED] and local Glenwood Springs residents are apparently involved in some form of activities of the John Birch Society.

Above information furnished SA [REDACTED] this date.

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Anti-Semitic acts claimed by official

By CECIL JONES
Rocky Mountain News Writer

A leading spokesman for the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Tuesday cited the banking and law professions and two articles published in Colorado campus newspapers as examples of continuing anti-Semitism in American society.

In an address entitled "Which Way for the ADL in Denver?" ADL regional director Sheldon Steinhauser made it clear, however, that Jews have "done well" in fulfilling one of the league's purposes — "to combat hatred against all Jews."

Revealing the first in a long list of exhibits of alleged anti-Semitism, Steinhauser showed a postcard from a Littleton man which claimed that Jews are inspiring insurrection among blacks and Jews as part of a "world Communist conspiracy to win (dominion) over the Gentiles."

Calling this sort of literature "gutter Semitism that is not at a dangerous level in Denver," Steinhauser noted that in three areas — "resort discrimination," housing and education — anti-Jewish feeling was "no longer a serious concern." One in five of the nation's medical students are Jewish, he said.

Things still tight

Turning to employment, however, the ADL director said "things are still tight in this area, particularly in the utilities and banking fields and certain native industries in Denver."

"One would wonder when we will have the first Jewish president of the Colorado Bar Association," Steinhauser continued.

Referring to Vance Packard's "The Hidden Persuaders," published in the 1950s, Steinhauser said the author posed three tests for whether social discrimination had really been cracked: "The leading downtown club, leading country club, and the leading women's social service organization."

"Denver still flunks on all three of those tests," he said.

But "there has been some progress," Steinhauser countered. "The Denver Athletic Club broke the line several years ago. . . . The University Club made its first break this year. Discussions are under way with certain women's organizations. There is some ferment in others."

Turning to a brand of anti-Semitism that, according to Steinhauser, proceeds under the cloak of objective reporting on the Arab-Israeli conflict, the ADL director said that "if anti-Semitic behavior is not at a dangerous level, then anti-Semitic attitudes are."

Steinhauser cited a story entitled "The Palestinians in Jordan," carried in the Oct. 18 Denver Post under the byline of Letitia Greiner, in which the author interpreted the Arabs' vow "to drive the Israelis into the sea" as a wish only to force the Israelis back, Steinhauser said, to the land "from whence they came."

"The (Denver) Post does many fine things, but Letitia Greiner happens to be the leading Arab propagandist in the Rocky Mountain region," Steinhauser claimed. "But the Post didn't even know it."

A story appearing last February in the CU Denver Center paper "The Fourth Estate" under the byline of Tabitha Petran, in which, according to Steinhauser, the author made anti-Israeli statements including, "The history of Zionism is not a pretty one."

A story appearing in the CU Daily (Boulder campus) entitled "Poison in the Milk and Honey," which according to Steinhauser contained many inaccuracies, including the statement that historian Arnold Toynbee is "a Jew reviled by Zionists."

'He is not a Jew'

"Toynbee may be reviled by Zionists," Steinhauser said, "but he is not a Jew."

Steinhauser also scored the John Birch Society as "devious," and deplored the rise of conservative political organizations as an indicator of declining respect for civil liberties by American people.

In closing remarks, Steinhauser chastised his audience of some 40 persons at the meeting in Rodef Shalom, 450 S. Kearney St., for not responding to Soviet oppression of Jews, and for "failing to cope" with "growing conservatism" in the Jewish community.

"We often have the seeds here of a vigilante community operating out of fear and frustration," he said.

"But we do not meet fears armed with baseball bats and chains," Steinhauser added following remarks about some parents' reactions to disturbances at Hill Junior High School and George Washington High School. "That hands over to the antagonists a propaganda victory."

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Birch Society lauded by ex-sailor



Lee Hayes

By RYKKEEN JOHNSON
Rocky Mountain News Writer

Under the attire of a crewman from the USS Pueblo, former radioman Lee Hayes has been swept from 11 months in North Korea to spreading the gospel for the John Birch Society.

As a second-class petty officer, Hayes, now 29, was the leading radioman on Jan. 23, 1968, when Communist Korean gunboats surrounded the electronic intelligence ship off Wonsan, commandeered the vessel and imprisoned 82 surviving crew members.

Hayes, of Columbus, Ohio, arrived Sunday night to urge Denverites to "Remember the Pueblo" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Downtown Motor Inn, W. Colfax Avenue and Court Place. Open to the public, his address is sponsored by the Metro-Denver TRAIN (To Restore American Independence Now) Committee of the local John Birch Society.

The ex-sailor said "80 per cent (of his speech) is about the Pueblo, 20 per cent is to stop aid and trade to Communist countries."

Hayes criticized both the military and the U.S. State Department for not sending armed aid to the embattled ship, and charged that there are State Department officials who would

assist in knowing the Pueblo would slip into Communist hands. "I think there are people in the State Department who do not want to fight communism," he said during an interview.

Hayes said that the State Department contains individuals dedicated to "one-world government" and who belong to an independent organization called the Council on Foreign Relations, which supports the idea. "I am convinced that we face today," he says in his speech, "not the blunders of stupid men, but the deliberate planning of very smart men."

"And they are not all in Moscow or Peking," he says. "Some are right here in the United States, working for our defeat—to weaken us and to strengthen the Communists, until both can be merged in a one-world government which will be Communist-controlled."

He goes on to say that he has not "proven the existence of such a deliberate plot..." but contends the John Birch Society can and recommends that his listeners join the society.

Hayes said President Nixon is a former member of the council. He alleged current members are Nixon adviser Henry Kissinger; Walter W. Rostow, one of President Johnson's advisers; Dean Acheson, president Truman's secretary of state, and Dr. Arthur F. Burns, Federal Reserve Board chairman.

Hayes left the Navy in August 1969, after six years of service because he said he didn't have the freedom to speak about his experiences and was concerned about the spread of subversion he witnessed when he came home from Korea.

A month after his release, Hayes joined the John Birch Society's American Opinion Speakers Bureau and since has toured 44 states, addressing an estimated 150,000 persons in some 620 engagements.

Hayes said his speeches are delivered to civic groups and at programs sponsored by colleges. "I don't speak to flag burners," he said, and explained that "flag burners" are such radical groups as the Students for a Democratic Society.

The main thing, Hayes said of the reason for his tour, is for

people to "get informed their own home and write letters and get involved."

He said, "The important thing is that they get informed. Of course, I feel that to be most effective, they should join the John Birch Society."

However, he emphasized, "I don't recruit for the society in my speeches, but I do tell them that I am in the society."

In his prepared text, Hayes states, "When we were released, the Communists gloated that they would capture the United States as easily as they had captured our ship, and they boasted that their revolution in this country had already begun."

His efforts to describe his experiences and those political impressions he had drawn from his considerably rough treatment by the Communists were allegedly squelched by members of the State Department.

"I was approached by State Department people who said it would be in my best interest not to give these talks, because I might be liable under the espionage act," said Hayes in his interview.

Hayes said he told the men from the State Department that he wouldn't discuss classified material, much of which is of a technical nature and not likely to be part of his presentations.

He said he gave his talks while a sailor until the State Department started to "pressure" his commanding officer in San Diego, who, in a move to "appease" the State Department, urged Hayes to stop the speeches. Then he said he left the Navy.

His speeches, which have remained fairly uniform during the last 18 months, contend that the United States is shipping such materials as jet and rocket engines, helicopters and rifle cleaning compounds to Russia and other European Communist countries.

Hayes said that while the government deems otherwise, the society term many of the goods exported to the Communist countries as military essentials.

"Another reason for the speeches," he said, "is to let people know how the Communists treat prisoners."

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EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. JOHN H. ROUSSELOT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 1962

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, many of my colleagues have questioned me concerning the beliefs and principles of the John Birch Society. For their benefit, under unanimous consent I insert those beliefs and principles in the Appendix of the Record.

GENERAL BELIEFS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

I

With very few exceptions the members of the John Birch Society are deeply religious people. A member's particular faith is entirely his own affair. Our hope is to make better Catholics, better Protestants, better Jews—or better Moslems—out of those who belong to the society. Our never-ending concern is with morality, integrity, and purpose. Regardless of the differences between us in creed and dogma, we all believe that man is endowed by a Divine Creator with an innate desire and conscious purpose to improve both his world and himself. We believe that the direction which constitutes improvement is clearly visible and identifiable throughout man's known history, and that this God-given upward reach in the heart of man is a composite conscience to which we all must listen.

II

We believe that the Communists seek to drive their slaves and themselves along exactly the opposite and downward direction, to the Satanic debasement of both man and his universe. We believe that communism is as utterly incompatible with all religion as it is contemptuous of all morality and destructive of all freedom. It is intrinsically evil. It must be opposed, therefore, with equal firmness, on religious grounds, moral grounds, and political grounds. We believe that the continued coexistence of communism and a Christian-style civilization on one planet is impossible. The struggle between them must end with one completely triumphant and the other completely destroyed. We intend to do our part, therefore, to halt, weaken, rout, and eventually to bury the whole international Communist conspiracy.

III

We believe that means are as important as ends in any civilized society. Of all the falsehoods that have been so widely and deliberately circulated about us, none is so viciously untrue as the charge that we are willing to condone foul means for the sake

of achieving praiseworthy ends. We think that communism as a way of life, for instance, is completely wrong; but our ultimate quarrel with the Communists is that they insist on imposing that way of life on the rest of us by murder, treason, and cruelty rather than by persuasion. Even if our own use of force ever becomes necessary and morally acceptable because it is in self-defense, we must never lose sight of the legal, traditional, and humanitarian considerations of a compassionate civilization. The Communists recognize no such compulsions, but this very ingredient of amoral brutishness will help to destroy them in the end.

IV

We believe in patriotism. Most of us will gladly concede that a parliament of nations, designed for the purpose of increasing the freedom and ease with which individuals, ideals, and goods might cross national boundaries, would be desirable. And we hope that in some future decade we may help to bring about such a step of progress in man's pursuit of peace, prosperity, and happiness. But we feel that the present United Nations was designed by its founders for the exactly opposite purpose of increasing the rigidity of Government controls over the lives and affairs of individual men. We believe it has become, as it was intended to become, a major instrumentality for the establishment of a one-world Communist tyranny over the population of the whole earth. One of our most immediate objectives, therefore, is to get the United States out of the United Nations, and the United Nations out of the United States. We seek thus to save our own country from the gradual and piecemeal surrender of its sovereignty to this Communist-controlled supergovernment, and to stop giving our support to the steady enslavement of other people through the machinations of this Communist agency.

V

We believe that a constitutional Republic, such as our Founding Fathers gave us, is probably the best of all forms of government. We believe that a democracy, which they tried hard to obviate, and into which the liberals have been trying for 50 years to convert our Republic, is one of the worst of all forms of government. We call attention to the fact that up to 1928 the U.S. Army Training Manual still gave our men in uniform the following quite accurate definition, which would have been thoroughly approved by the Constitutional Convention that established our Republic: "Democracy: A Government of the masses. Authority derived through mass meeting or any form of direct expression results in mobocracy. Attitude toward property is communistic—negating property rights. Attitude towards law is that the will of the majority shall regulate, whether it be based upon deliberation or governed by passion, prejudice, and impulse,

without restraint or regard to consequences. Results in demagogism, license, agitation, discontent, anarchy." It is because all history proves this to be true that we repeat so emphatically: "This is a Republic, not a democracy; let's keep it that way."

VI

We are opposed to collectivism as a political and economic system, even when it does not have the police-state features of communism. We are opposed to it no matter whether the collectivism be called socialism or the welfare state or the New Deal or the Fair Deal or the New Frontier, or advanced under some other semantic disguise. And we are opposed to it no matter what may be the framework or form of government under which collectivism is imposed. We believe that increasing the size of government, increasing the centralization of government, and increasing the functions of government all act as brakes on material progress and as destroyers of personal freedom.

VII

We believe that even where the size and functions of government are properly limited, as much of the power and duties of government as possible should be retained in the hands of as small governmental units as possible, as close to the people served by such units as possible. For the tendencies of any governing body to waste, expansion, and despotism all increase with the distance of that body from the people governed; the more closely any governing body can be kept under observation by those who pay its bills and provide its delegated authority, the more honestly responsible it will be. And the diffusion of governmental power and functions is one of the greatest safeguards against tyranny man has yet devised. For this reason it is extremely important in our case to keep our township, city, County and State governments from being bribed and coerced into coming under one direct chain of control from Washington.

VIII

We believe that for any people eternal vigilance is the price of liberty far more as against the insidious encroachment of internal tyranny than against the danger of subjugation from the outside or from the prospect of any sharp and decisive revolution. In a republic we must constantly seek to elect and to keep in power a government we can trust, manned by people we can trust, maintaining a currency we can trust, and working for purposes we can trust (none of which we have today). We think it is even more important for the government to obey the laws than for the people to do so. But for 30 years we have had a steady stream of governments which increasingly have regarded our laws and even our Constitution as mere pieces of paper, which should not be allowed to stand in the way of what they, in their omniscient benevolence, considered to

be "for the greatest good of the greatest number." (Or in their power-seeking plans pretended so to believe.) We want a restoration of a "government of laws, and not of men" in this country; and if a few impeachments are necessary to bring that about, then we are all for the impeachments.

IX

We believe that in a general way history repeats itself. For any combination of causes, similar to an earlier combination of causes, will lead as a rule to a combination of results somewhat similar to the one produced before. And history is simply a series of causes which produced results, and so on around cycles as clearly discernible as any of the dozens that take place elsewhere in the physical and biological sciences. But we believe that the most important history consists not of the repetitions but of the changes in these recurring links in the series. For the changes mark the extent to which man

has either been able to improve himself and his environment, or has allowed both to deteriorate, since the last time around. We think that this true history is largely determined by ambitious individuals (both good and evil) and by small minorities who really know what they want. And in the John Birch Society our sense of gratitude and responsibility (to God and to the noble men of the past), for what we have inherited makes us determined to exert our influence, labor, and sacrifice for changes which we think will constitute improvement.

X

In summary, we are striving, by all honorable means at our disposal and to the limits of our energies and abilities, to bring about less government, more responsibility, and a better world. Because the Communists seek, always and everywhere, to bring about more government, less individual responsibility, and a completely amoral world, we would have to oppose them at every turn, even on the philosophical level. Because

they are seeking through a gigantically organized conspiracy to destroy all opposition, we must fight them even more aggressively on the plane of action. But our struggle with the Communists, while the most urgent and important task before us today, is basically only incidental to our more important long-range and constructive purposes. For that very reason we are likely to be more effective against the Communists than if we were merely an ad hoc group seeking to expose and destroy so huge and powerful a gang of criminals. In organization, dedication, and purpose we offer a new form of opposition to the Communists which they have not faced in any other country. We have tried to raise a standard to which the wise and the honest can repair. We welcome all honorable allies in this present unceasing war. And we hope that once they and we and millions like us have won a decisive victory at last, many of these same allies will join us in our long look toward the future.

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EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. JOHN H. ROUSSELOT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 1962

✓ Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, the Efficiency Research Bureau, a private investigating firm, has completed a thorough investigation of the John Birch Society in Orange County, Calif. Findings of the Bureau are reported in the March 1962, issue of the Santa Ana Register, a newspaper published in Orange County. I believe the findings will be of interest to my colleagues. Under unanimous consent I place the report which appeared in the Register in the Appendix of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The report follows:

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY INVESTIGATED

A private investigating firm, Efficiency Research Bureau, 800 South Harbor Boulevard, Anaheim, conducted a thorough investigation of the John Birch Society in Orange County, Calif. Efficiency Research Bureau was hired by the president of a local manufacturing firm to make an impartial study.

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A five-man team of investigators, including a Negro clergyman, sat in on numerous Birch meetings and accumulated a wealth of data on the organization and its operation. The following are the 14 conclusions to which the investigating team came, based upon their extensive research:

1. Many of the allegations and rumors against the John Birch Society could not be supported by fact.
2. The John Birch Society is an anti-Communist movement open to anyone interested in joining or attending meetings.
3. It's not a secret organization, but rather groups meeting for discussion of views and ways in which to fight the international Communist conspiracy.
4. The majority of John Birch Society members don't support or agree with many of the statements of Robert Welch, the society's founder; they seldom disagree with him on policy.
5. Each chapter is independent and each member cooperates with chapter, State and national views according to the dictates of his own conscience.
6. Efficiency Research Bureau investigators attending these meetings have found groups as small as 15 and as large as 59 at a single meeting. About 15 seemed to be preferred.
7. All indications show that the John Birch Society anti-Communist movement is growing continuously and steadily.

8. Utilizing both white and colored investigators, it was learned the John Birch Society isn't anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, or anti any religious group. That they, in fact, have chapters comprised entirely of colored membership. Also, it was found John Birch Society has Jewish members on the national advisory council.

9. Investigators found no evidence of violence or unlawful activity engaged in by the John Birch Society.

10. Investigators did learn that there were individuals who carried personal prejudices with them into the organization. It was learned John Birch Society works to isolate persons with such prejudice. If a whole chapter is found to share certain prejudices the area coordinators try to disseminate such groups.

11. Investigators learned there is a John Birch Society major coordinator for Orange Los Angeles, and San Bernardino Counties; and he has two coordinators directly under him.

12. Investigators expected to find a dictatorship and didn't find it.

13. The society as a whole works very hard to make sure that John Birch Society isn't used as a vehicle to promote prejudices.

14. Investigative work included checking out documented information by factfinding groups which is used as a basis for some John Birch Society work.

No, prayer alone, apart from a miracle, will not stop or turn back or destroy the criminal Communist conspiracy. That it is absolutely essential, there is no question, for, without God and His indispensable aid, we cannot conquer the militant atheism which is Communism. But, together with prayer there must be joined adequate knowledge of Communism and intelligent, courageous, preserving action. Only in the combination of the three, — prayer, knowledge, action — can we reasonably and confidently look for ultimate victory over the most horrendous threat to free men in all mortal history.

— REV. FRANCIS E. FLIXON

SAC, DENVER (100-0)

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On 11/12/74, [redacted] Post Office
Box [redacted] telephone [redacted]
advised that she and her husband [redacted] operate the [redacted]

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[redacted] stated their children attend the
Colorado Catholic Academy of the Holy Rosary, 4664 Pearl
Street, Denver, Colorado 80216. This school was started
[redacted] who is now the [redacted] of the
school. [redacted] whose husband is [redacted] is the
[redacted] of the school and is [redacted] of
the school board. They reside in the vicinity of [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] is a "John
Bircher" and that she has attempted to sell the teachers
in the school on the John Birch Society. [redacted] has hung
posters in the school on the John Birch Society.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] also talked
[redacted] into purchasing copies of "Community Mani-
festo", and passing them out to 7th and 8th grade students.
[redacted] stated that she and her husband and other parents
of children attending the school have complained to [redacted]
[redacted] about [redacted] activities and that [redacted]
defends her. [redacted] stated that neither
[redacted] nor [redacted] are qualified educators but that
since [redacted] the school and [redacted]
[redacted] there seems to be nothing
parents can do.

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For [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] has a friend, one [redacted] (first name unknown), who along with a [redacted] (phonetic) operates organizations called [redacted]. These organizations are for the purpose of advising people who are in trouble with the law on how to defend themselves. She stated [redacted] has recently told people who get traffic tickets that they should appear before the judge and tell the judge that he has no jurisdiction over them because he was appointed rather than elected. [redacted] said in the two instances of this she knows of, the judge fined the individuals anyway.

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The above is being recorded for information of the file.

28 January 75

Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Denver, Colorado

~~Confidential~~

Sir:

The inclosed speaks for it'self.

I have been much disturbed over the activities of these un-american groups.

It is ironic that I was stationed in China with the [redacted] at the time of John Birch's death. I also lived in [redacted] when I was a boy in the 1920's and the Klu Klux Klan hung a Chinaman here. I detest self appointed vigilantes. I knew John Birch.

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My previous work in government, leaves no doubt in my mind of the serious nature of these two activities. [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] alerts me to the dangers of the type of thing inclosed. I have no patience with the Hot Shot crusader, thus need no reply, I only wish to advise of my existence, and to assure you that any material or activities, concerning your responsibility in matters of this nature I will automatically advise.

I have retired in 1960. [redacted] owned the Cury Herald from approx 1900 to approx 1927/28. I have not an axe to grind, other than anonymity, and assurance of facts in the proper channels.

Respectfully,
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[redacted]
My Nick Name [redacted]

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To: SAC, Butte

From: Director, FBI



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RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)
BUDED 5-10-63

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from the Denver Office, dated 4-27-63, along with copies of two newspaper items which are reprints of my Introduction to the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, March, 1960. Bufiles reflect that [redacted] is apparently identical with [redacted]

[redacted] Contact of your office and is a past [redacted] of The American Legion. There has been cordial correspondence with him over the past years, and in December, 1962, arrangements were made for him to receive Bureau material on a continuing basis. There is no information in Bufiles to indicate that he is connected with the John Birch Society.

He should be contacted by a mature Agent and it should be ascertained if he is the [redacted] publishing the two items in the Casper, Wyoming, newspapers. If so, he should be tactfully advised that, as a matter of policy, I do not desire that the FBI or my name be used in publicizing any groups, individuals or organizations. He should be informed also that the FBI cannot distribute material to be used for this purpose.

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Quairtel results to reach the Bureau no later than May 10, 1963, under the above caption.

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URGENT 5-8-63 10-50 PM MST JJA
TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, DENVER /62-1623/
FROM SAC, BUTTE /94-372/ 1-P

[REDACTED]
RESEARCH PAREN CRIME RECORDS END PAREN.

REBUAIRTEL TO BUTTE MAY TWO, SIXTY THREE.

[REDACTED] ADVISED
MAY EIGHT, SIXTY THREE, HER HUSBAND ON BUSINESS TRIP IN WYOMING.
HIS ITINERARY AND CURRENT LOCATION UNKNOWN TO HER. HE IS EXPECT-
ED TO RETURN WEEKEND OF MAY ELEVEN, SIXTY THREE, AND ARRANGEMENT
MADE FOR INTERVIEW. BUREAU WILL BE PROMPTLY INFORMED OF RESULTS.
END AND ACK PLS.

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**Arsonists Fail Attempt
To Set Birch Sign Ablaze**

Another attempt to burn down the John Birch Society's sign on Highway 50 near Salem failed on Saturday night.

Though gasoline was poured on the sign, it failed to blaze and was only smoking by the time the Fire Department arrived about 11:20 p.m. There was no damage.

Attempts to burn the sign down have been made earlier this year, causing some damage. The sign asks for the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren.

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AIRMAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, BUTTE (94-572) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

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Remytel, 5/8/63.

On 5/16/63, [redacted] was contacted in Great Falls, Montana, as he was en route to Billings, Montana. In accordance with instruction in Bureau airtel of 5/2/63, he was tactfully informed that as a matter of policy, the Director did not desire that his name or the name of the FBI be used by any group or persons for furthering the interest of that organization or person, and that the material sent to him could not be used in this manner.

[redacted] said that he did not intend to infer by publishing the Director's article that the FBI was endorsing his group, but had the article reprinted to rebut what he said was a deliberate distortion and misuse of a portion of a speech given by the Director regarding in the past, in which cautioned against extremists of any belief, which [redacted] said had appeared in print

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in Wyoming and which he claimed had been used by radicals and leftists to further their purposes. He did not identify the speech or the article. He said he had no intention to cause any embarrassment to Mr. HOOVER, for whom he has the highest respect, and will refrain from any such actions in the future.

It is to be noted that information has recently been obtained from [redacted] Glacier County, Cut Bank, Montana, that [redacted] has been traveling throughout the States of Montana and Wyoming on behalf of the John Birch Society. [redacted] said that [redacted] is doing this both because he believes in the Birch group and for additional income, as the hotel has not done well financially in the past few years, due to its location, condition, and the personality of [redacted] who have alienated the feelings of many people, both local and transient.

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During the interview, 5/16/63, [redacted] said that he has made a personal study of communists, Communism, and leftist groups the last fourteen years and feels that the John Birch Society is "best qualified to combat them" and as such, he is traveling about, making known the purposes of the Birch Society, providing information about it and doing what he can to further the organization.

No additional investigation is being conducted by Butte.

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

[REDACTED]

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On 5/6/63 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] confidentially made available the following data to SA [REDACTED]

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1. Leaflet captioned "A Letter From George" described as having been broadcast by PAUL HARVEY on his daily broadcast on ABC Net Work on Saturday, 2/10/62.

2. Congressional Record reprint of speech of Honorable JOHN H. ROUSSELOT of California given for the House of Representatives 3/15/62 captioned "Liberty Amendment to the Constitution."

3. Leaflet published by the Committed on Pan-American Policy, New York, New York captioned "Cuba-The Truth. We Shout 'Victory' But Khrushchev Still Has Cuba." by HAROLD LORD VARNEY.

4. Leaflet published by the Mississippi State Junior Chamber of Commerce, Jackson, Mississippi, October, 1962 captioned "Oxford - A Warning for Americans."

Above items were described as having been made available to the reporting source [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] on two of the above described items which are

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being designated to the exhibit envelope of Denver file 62-1623.

The reporting source described [redacted] as being the mother of [redacted] described as previously of [redacted] and currently employed at [redacted]

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[redacted] were described as active in the John Birch Society unit at [redacted] along with [redacted] who is currently employed as a [redacted]

[redacted] concerning whom information was previously reported.

[redacted] confidentially related that he had been [redacted] some gatherings of the John Birch Society at [redacted] and stated that should he attend any such meetings that he would immediately make available information concerning whatever occurred at the meetings and would identify persons present insofar as he might be able to do so.

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Submitted for information.

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Boulder Jaycees Hear Birch Case Against Warr

By **BOB PROUTY**
Denver Post Staff Writer

BOULDER—A representative of the John Birch Society told some 30 members of the Boulder Junior Chamber of Commerce Tuesday that Chief Justice Earl Warren of the U. S. Supreme Court should be impeached.

Speaking at a luncheon at the Lamp Post Restaurant, Donald Vondra, Boulder coordinator for the society, said Warren should be impeached because he:

1. Went outside the Constitution in researching for a 1954 segregation decision of the court.
2. Is generally unqualified for the job.

Vondra urged the Jaycees to investigate the court, the chief justice and the court's decisions "to find out for themselves if these decisions make sense . . . that is all that we in the John Birch Society are trying to get you to do."

The Jaycees accepted Vondra's challenge of investigating for themselves, but took exception to his reasoning on why Warren should be impeached and the court investigated.

WARREN 'ADMISSION'

Vondra said Justice Warren admitted citing a series of "modern scientific writings" in the 1954 decision's bibliography. Each of these writings, Vondra said, was written by Communists or persons affiliated with Communist front organizations.

"We feel Earl Warren is guilty of misconduct in office because of this . . . he should only use the Constitution of the United States as a source for rendering decisions," Vondra said.

"How can the Constitution be interpreted ~~and~~ the Supreme

Court without going (reading) outside it?" asked Hugh MacColl, assistant cashier at the Arapahoe National Bank.

STICKS BY GUNS

Through considerable discussion Vondra stuck to his guns—in making decisions the Supreme Court should refer to the Constitution only, nothing else.

Vondra also contended that the intents of laws do not

change over the years and that recent decisions of the Supreme Court have in effect changed the laws by deciding they mean something different now than when they were passed.

"The law should be changed or amended by lawmaking bodies, not by the court," Vondra said.

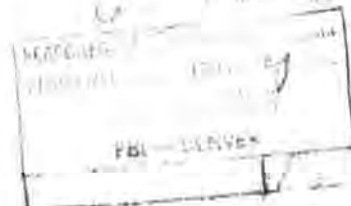
He said the segregation decision was an example of this—"years ago the law meant segregation, but since civil rights measures to change the law have not been able to pass Congress, the court changed the law by deciding its intent is different now than it was a half century ago," he said.

Conrad McBride, recent Democratic candidate for Congress, will speak at the Jaycee luncheon next Tuesday. He is expected to counter the reasoning presented by Vondra.

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Prof Defends Earl Warren

By BARR YORK

Earl Warren "should be thanked" rather than impeached, University professor Conrad L. McBride told members of the Boulder Junior Chamber of Commerce Tuesday.

McBride, associate professor of political science, refuted arguments by the John Birch Society that Warren should be removed as chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. McBride's appearance before the JayCees followed last week's talk by Donald Vondra, Boulder coordinator for the John Birch Society.

"Warren should not be impeached," the professor said flatly. "He should be thanked for guarding the Constitution of the United States."

McBride termed the "Birchers'" appeal for the removal of Warren "the weakest argument of all and the last one the Birchers should take." Warren's "mis-take," he said, was in "deciding that Negroes should be given equal treatment."

McBride read from the Declaration of Independence the phrase: "That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

"I submit to you," he told the Boulder JayCees, "that during the period from 1896 until 1954, the Negro in America had every right to invoke the Declaration against a government which denied them their rights."

McBride specifically refuted two arguments Vondra had advanced in calling for Warren's impeachment: That the chief justice had gone outside the U.S. Constitution in researching the noted 1954 decision banning segregation of the races in public schools, and that he had used books written by communists or communist-sympathizers in the research.

"If the Supreme Court had relied only on the Constitution they never would have come up with a decision at all," McBride said.

He also pointed to "The American Dilemma," a book by Swedish sociologist Gunnar Myrdahl which Warren used to reach the 1954 integration decision. The book made reference to persons who had some connection with the Communist party.

"The book was suspect," McBride noted, "and therefore Warren has been made suspect by referring to it."

"Almost no reputable sociologist is unfamiliar with this book. Most regard Myrdahl's study a major and monumental document concerning segregation."

In a question-and-answer period which followed his talk, McBride was asked if the book by Myrdahl was objective or if he was trying to advance socialistic ideas. "Myrdahl is a Swede," he pointed out, "and his country long ago adopted socialism. So his socialist views show through his book."

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Queries Spark Heated Debate With Birchites

CODY, Wyo., Sept. 22—(UPI)—A Park County Democratic state committeewoman Saturday said a heated argument developed at a recent meeting of the John Birch Society when a young Democrat questioned the group's aims.

Mrs. John Mix of Cody said the incident occurred at a public meeting of the society in Cody last Thursday.

Mrs. Mix said she attended the meeting and witnessed "several" others in attendance "converge around this young man like a bunch of storm troopers" after the meeting adjourned.

Mrs. Mix said the incident apparently was prompted by questions asked of the society's regional co-ordinator, Victor Overcash, by the young man.

She said his questions were

aimed to "elicit from them what their program is."

According to the committeewoman, another man arose and said "he didn't have to listen to this and invited the young man outside—the young Democrat," whom she declined to identify.

The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m., but Mrs. Mix said several persons, including herself and the young Democrat, remained behind for some time in a less than cordial debate.

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Denver, Colorado

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Birchist Pleased Over Wyoming

CASPER, Wyo. —(AP)— Victor Overcash, regional director of the John Birch Society, said here he is pleased with the progress of his organizing work in Wyoming and Montana.

He said he has had a very good reception in the two states.

He helped organize a chapter in Casper recently.

Feeling that Wyoming is fertile ground for his right-wing program, Overcash said, "We are going to conduct a better organizing effort in an attempt to increase the membership in Wyoming."

He said he hopes to have two chapters organized in Casper soon.

Overcash has been the Birch Society regional coordinator in Wyoming, Montana, and eastern Idaho for about a year and a half.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 12/16/63.

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

~~SECURITY MATTER--~~

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY;

(requested name be kept confidential)

On above date [REDACTED]

advised as follows telephonically:

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[REDACTED] has been passing out some application forms for membership in a club he is trying to organize and which he calls the [REDACTED] and which he feels will be of assistance to the John Birch Society. In addition to being a [REDACTED] He is said to be planning a uniform for members consisting of a blue shirt, khaki pants, white leggings and "Sam Brown" belt.

Submitted for information and future reference purposes.

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Stratton, Colorado.

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Dear Sir:

I take this means to offically notify you that on the nite of
December 31 & Jan. 1, 1964 persons unknown to me destroyed my 



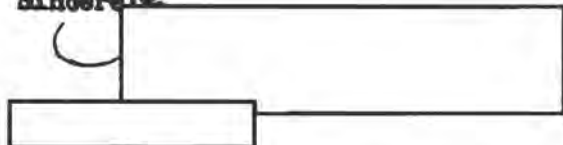
The  looked at the results on January 1
at about 9 O'clock and started an investigation but stated however
that it was up to you as to what would be done - as the Sheriff's
office closely fallowed your directions. I understand that it is not
my place to try to protect my property or the apprehension of criminals
as this is the duty of the law..

As soon as you find out who the criminals are I will sign the
necessary papers for their arrest and trial.

Hoping that justice will be brought. My civil rights protected.
And the right to own private property protected.

As we know the Communists plans are to do away with private
property as all rights hinge on this one maine God Given Right.

Sincerely,



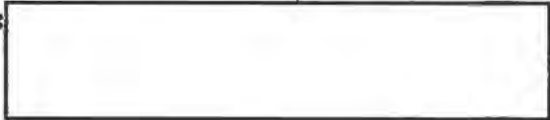
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Carbon copys sent to : Att. Gen. Duke W. Dunbar - State Capitol Building

Federal Bureau of Investigation - New Customs House

Attention: 

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Stratton, Colorado.
Jan 21, 1964.

Federal Bureau of Investigation and Postal Department
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir,

From Jan. 11 to 17 1964 in 3 mailings of over 1000 copies each. I thought from the Stratton, Colorado Post Office under Bulk # 112.17.

I put Return request on the copy (I sent you a copy in [redacted])
To Yesterday I went and got 8 that were returned - 5 from the Bethune area and three from the Stratton area - copy of each enclosed. Notice the Bethune one called for 4¢ postage and it was used to 8¢. I requested that the box number of the person refusing it to be listed so I would not offend the person in future mailing. I don't know if I have a right to this information or not as I requested it.. But did pay for the 8 without it.

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Yesterday morning my mail carrier [redacted] told me his route was short twenty some cyps on last mailing and I should go see [redacted] since I did in the afternoon and she said the route 2 was short 21 and she took that many more. Route 2 has 46 patrons. She took 4 more for route three that has 66 patrons. And I told her I would bring more in the morning for Route 1. This morning [redacted] took 25 more as [redacted] left a note requesting me to leave that many. Last night [redacted] said apparently the Star route and town was O.K. She said my count was off... I took pictures of the clients - sent have the films back yet. I do not believe the count was wrong.

[redacted] didn't like it when I put RETURN REQUESTED on the mailings. And said before I mailed them that I would get a lot of them back and they would cost me 8¢ each. I told her we would pass that bridge when we come to it - as I was getting the correct numbers from here for each town and they had to be delivered. She said they will refuse them. I said we will find out if they can or not. When the Mail Carrier, assistant [redacted] brought the first one's she told my wife there would be more. However when I asked the name of the refuser and related that this information they had to know and that I thought I had a right to it. The time eliminate should end the possibility of any more being refused. the talk about more to come stopped..

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The question in my mind is : Where did the extra cyps go that I mailed - where were the one's to come from that she was sure (before I mailed them) would be refused?? Did my requesting for names of refusers - which she will not be been able to produce - fouled up the plan for returning more?

The mailing receipt No.56 to Stratton was in 5 bundles. Town 21. Route 1 67. Route 2- 46, Route three - 56, and Star Route 8. [redacted] and [redacted] both figured and counted this mailing. How could anyone help but notice route 1 and route three if they were short as claimed? With both packs containing marked 67 and 66 and yet she claims contained 42 and 52. Note the difference in size this would make. All third class mail have to be alike as to size of copy mailed.

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I wish I could be assured that my mailings will be handled right and delivered. If people are missed they may think I done it on purpose. I did care to offend no one.

Thanking you I remain Most Sincerely,

[redacted]
2 enclosures. Moments of Thought from Bethune and Stratton.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ENVER

DATE: 1/22/64

FROM : S.A. [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY - PUA PLO

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and possible lead value at some future date.*

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FROM CHICAGO 1P

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CHICAGO OFFICE ADVISED BY ANNONYMOUS CALLER THIS DATE, THAT ONE
[REDACTED] INSTANT DATE, TO DEPART CHICAGO
TO DENVER TO QUOTE KILL RELATIVES AND FRIENDS ENDQUOTE. [REDACTED]
ALLEGEDLY KNOWN TO US PROBATION OFFICER [REDACTED] CHICAGO.

[REDACTED] ADVISED ONE [REDACTED] DENVER PROBATION
OFFICE QUOTE R NUMBER ENDQUOTE [REDACTED]
POSSIBLY IDENT [REDACTED]

NOT IN POSSESSION OF FULL BACKGROUND. ANNONYMOUS CALLER STATED
SUBJECT IN POSSESSION OF QUOTE ARSENAL ENQUOTE.

CHICAGO OFFICE INVESTIGATING BR, AM INSTANT DATE. NOT BELIEVED
IDENT WITHSUBJECT.

DENVER NOTIFY US PROBATION AND PASOLE OFFICE. OBTAIN
BACKGROUND ON [REDACTED] AND NOTIFY DENVER PD OF SUBJECT'S ALLEGED
THREAT AND ADVISE CG OF DETAILS. IN VIEW OF ABOVE INFO SUBJECT SHOULD
BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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254 New Custom House
Denver, Colorado 80202
February 10, 1964

[redacted]
Postal Inspector in Charge
Post Office Building
Denver, Colorado 80201

Re: [redacted]

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Dear [redacted]

There is attached hereto a photostat of a letter received by this office on January 23, 1964, addressed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Postal Department. A copy of this letter may have been furnished to the Post Office; however, this fact is not indicated on the letter received from [redacted]

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For your confidential information, [redacted] is active in the John Birch Society in Stratton, Colorado.

It is to be noted that he is complaining about the mailing of his literature entitled "Moments of Truth."

The attached letter is being furnished for your information.

Very truly yours,


SCOTT J. WERNER
Special Agent in Charge

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Colo. Bircher Backs Blast at JFK

A Boulder resident and Colorado co-ordinator for the John Birch Society said Wednesday he agreed with the premise that former U. S. President John Kennedy was assassinated "because he was planning to turn American."

Don Vondra, former Boulder businessman and now state co-ordinator for the Birch Society, told the Daily Tuesday he thought an article written by University of Illinois Professor Revilo P. Oliver was " . . . tremendous."

The article, which appeared in the monthly organ of the John Birch society, "American Opinion," charged Kennedy was assassinated be-

The acting provost of the University of Illinois and the editor of the "Daily Illini," the student newspaper, Wednesday termed Illinois Classics Professor Revilo Oliver's attack on former President Kennedy as "base," "unwarranted," "offensive" and "in bad taste." Both, however defended Oliver's right to write the article.

cause he was falling behind in his role in the Communist

timetable for the takeover of the United States.

"Yes, I'd go along with that pretty much," Vondra said. But he cautioned that the article was not properly presented in normal press channels. "Parts of the article," Vondra said, "are distorted by newspaper reports I have read."

"To get an idea of what the article really meant," he said, "you'd really have to read it in 'American Opinion.'" Vondra said he fully supports the article as it appears in the Birch publication. "The article is tremendous," he said, "and I go along with it wholeheartedly."

The article offered two alternative explanations for the assassination, the first that Kennedy was executed by the communists "because he was planning to turn American," and that the assassination was arranged by Cuban Premier Fidel Castro as the result of a rift within the "Communist conspiracy."

Vondra seemed inclined to support the second choice, noting that even Kennedy had admitted his part in the Bay of Pigs invasion. The article charged Kennedy supported a "fake 'invasion'" of Cuba designed to strengthen the Communist regime on the island.

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Civil Rights Bill Hit By Birch Society

Formal opposition by the John Birch Society to the civil rights bill now before the Senate was announced today by W. H. Vickers, 716 Indiana.

Vickers said that the national council of the John Birch Society had unanimously branded the bill as "the most serious threat to both the freedom and the property of American citizens of every creed, color and economic status that has ever been seriously considered by the Congress."

A statement issued in Pueblo by Vickers went on:

"The council, meeting in Los Angeles, called attention to the fact that such outstanding American legal scholars and statesmen as Loyd Wright, John Satterfield, Sen. Strom Thurmond, Sen. Richard Russell and Hon. Ezra Taft Benson had all made strong public statements warning their fellow citizens against allowing this truly dangerous bill to become law. They all agree that it is the most brazen grab for power by the executive branch of government in American history.

"The council points out that this bill is also vigorously supported by the Communists for purposes of their own. Ever since 1928 they have been boldly putting in print, for the instruction of their own followers, exactly the steps to be taken and the program to be followed, to use artificially created racial disturbances as a means of advancing the Communist takeover of the United States. The civil rights act of 1963 is essentially a part of that plan."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (62-1623)

DATE: May 13, 1964

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
INTERNAL SECURITY

On May 2, 1964, [REDACTED] telephonically advised SA [REDACTED] that the April 30, 1964, issue of the Adams County "Dispatch" published at Brighton, Colorado, contains an ad therein reporting that a "secret" meeting of the John Birch Society would be held on May 5, 1964. The public was cordially invited to call [REDACTED] for reservations.

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[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] May 5, 1964, that [REDACTED] is listed to [REDACTED] and he is employed at [REDACTED]

This matter is being made a matter of record. No additional investigation is being conducted.

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REPLY TO

May 15, 1964

Special Agent In Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
P. O. Box 1229
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find an item we received in the mail this morning, which I consider more or less subversive. I called and talked to one of your agents about it, and he said to send it to you.

I did not take the time to read it all, but have checked in red some parts I did read. Some paragraphs deride the State Department, General Marshall, the Supreme Court, the Warren Commission, and one paragraph says you have to be a communist to get anywhere in Washington, D.C.

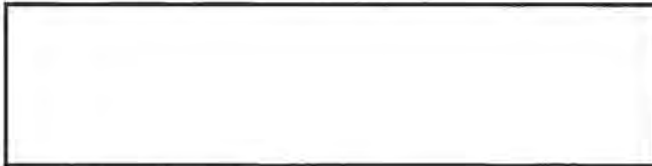
This may not be what the FBI would consider subversive, but I certainly feel this type of material should not be allowed to go through the mail.

Sincerely,

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P. S. I would certainly like to have the "Aftermath of the Assassination" part back. Very interesting points, if true.

254 New Custom House
Denver, Colorado
May 22, 1964



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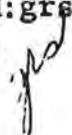
Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated May 15, 1964, enclosing certain material you felt would be of interest to this bureau.

I wish to thank you for your interest in this matter and in accordance with your desires, the pamphlet entitled, "Aftermath of the Assassination" is being returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

SCOTT J. WERNER
Special Agent in Charge

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TO : SAC (62-1623)

DATE: 6/3/64

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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On 6/1/64 [REDACTED] operator of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] telephonically advised that he
was a member of the John Birch Society and as such had in the past
mailed out literature to acquaintances and relatives. Because of an
incident involving his uncle, [REDACTED] now has misgivings about his
membership and activities and requested that an Agent conversant on
the subject confer with him.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (62-1623)

DATE: 6/22/64

FROM : SA [redacted] (C)

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SUBJECT: John Birch Society
Miscellaneous Information
Concerning

Re memorandum of SA [redacted] dated June 3, 1964.

On 6/10/64, [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed.

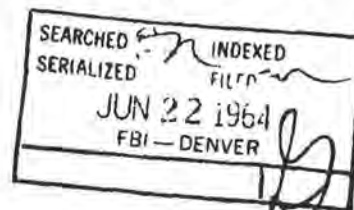
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[redacted] stated that he is a member of a local branch of the John Birch Society. The [redacted] of the branch is [redacted]. He said that he has been a member of the society approximately eight months and has been contributing a considerable amount of his time in distributing a great deal of the Birch Society literature to acquaintances and relatives. He stated that he has received some criticism from some of his relatives and is concerned that the Birch Society is engaging in activities which are possibly dangerous to the well being of the United States. He stated that some of the Birch Society literature is very critical of the foreign policies and of the present administration of President JOHNSON. He stated that he has no specific examples nor does he recall any specific literature which he feels could be considered as subversive nor treasonist against the United States.

[redacted] advised that he was born [redacted] served in the U. S. Marines from January 5, 1951, to May, 1952, Serial Number [redacted] honorably discharged; has resided in [redacted] years;

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has been a [] years; receives a small disability allowance from the Veterans Administration, []

[] stated that if he could ever be of any assistance to the FBI, he would gladly assist.

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[] was advised that the John Birch Society has not been designated by the Attorney General as a subversive organization pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

It is the writer's opinion that if the occasion arises, [] would be of assistance in furnishing us with any information regarding this organization. Accordingly, this matter is being recorded.

No further investigation is contemplated.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC DENVER [redacted]

DATE: 6/26/64

FROM : S.A. [redacted]

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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[redacted] related on 6/26/64 that one [redacted]
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visits the [redacted] from time to time and has
related he is a member of The John Birch Society.

[redacted] continued [redacted] write the
Daily Worker about a month ago and got a "whole pack⁶²et"
of material in reply including subscription blanks
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**The Daily Worker
Political Affairs.**

[redacted] stated that he [redacted] "out
of curiosity sent in a subscription to The DAILY
WORKER and POLITICAL AFFAIRS under alias [redacted]
[redacted] being his grandmothers name.)

[redacted] stated he desired to make the
above recorded data known to the FBI.

[redacted] on request stated he would
take the initiative of advising the Pueblo L.A. as
to "any contacts which might result from such subscrip tions
including name, address, and purpose thereof"

[redacted] concluded he would additionally
advise as to any possible future data relating to
C.P. activities or unusual JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY activity
which might come to his attention thru any source
ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS:

Submitted for info.

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THE CRUSADERS—HOME-FED AND ACTIVE

Conservative Says His Cause Gaining in Support

(Editor's Note: With the national political and civil rights campaigns in full swing, there is much talk of groups attempting to influence the political process by crusading methods some regard as extreme. The question of "extremism" has been made a national political topic, without much attempt to define groups, sizes or techniques. The Denver Post assigned reporter Bob Whearley to interview leaders and attend meetings of as many such groups of all political hues as he could discover operating more or less openly in Colorado. Whearley has submitted a seven-article report, of which this is the fourth.)

By BOB WHEARLEY
Denver Post Staff Writer

IF there is such a thing as a typical American small town, it might well be Florence, Colo.

Florence (1960 population, 2,821) is off the beaten path, a few miles south of Highway 50, in an oasis of tall cottonwoods and leafy elms. It is a quiet town, with older homes and relaxed ways, a town where the merchants on W. Main still smile and say thank you when they ring up a sale.

There is not a great deal of money in Florence. Most of what there is comes from orchards and oil wells, from coal mines and from the cement plant at nearby Portland.

It is summer now, and school is out. On the edge of town boys wearing rolled-up jeans splash merrily in the shallows of the Arkansas River as it roils down out of the high country to keep its destiny with the mighty Mississippi.

But it is another kind of destiny that most deeply concerns LeMoyne Browning who, until June, was one of Florence's better-known citizens.

Country Being Sold to Reds

Browning believes his country is being sold out to communism, and he is trying to do something about it.

His conviction places him squarely in the middle of a movement that over the past year has cut across the whole fabric of American life. And—because he is only human—it clinched his decision to sell his business, the Hotel Florence, and move down the road to Canon City.

LeMoyne Browning is a member of the John Birch Society and a founder of the Fremont Action Committee for Truth (FACT). He readily admits he was a controversial figure in Florence, but he is confident his cause is just and that someday an informed public will come around to his way of thinking.

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Editor: Walter Boyd
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Until he sold out in June, the goals of Browning's crusading conservatism were quickly made clear to the most casual visitor to the Hotel Florence.

In the front window of the hotel was a photograph of a group of African tribesmen — fierce creatures with spears and grass skirts, and with bones pierced through their noses. The caption: "Welcome U.N. Delegates."

In the lobby, you could settle back in a comfortable armchair and catch up on back issues of the National Review. There also was a bookrack featuring the Birch Society's publication, American Opinion, plus such tracts as "Parents Are the Puppets of the P-TA" and "What's Wrong with U.S. Foreign Policy." On the bottom shelf was a stack of Goldwater bumper stickers.

Support Asked for Liberty Plan

In the adjoining coffee shop, there was a sign urging support for the Liberty Amendment, and placards proclaiming "Stand for Freedom."

In the hall leading from the lobby to the coffee shop was an autographed picture of Ronald Reagan, one of Hollywood's foremost contributions to conservatism.

But now the pictures and the placards, the books and the magazines are packed away.

"The hostility was very evident," Browning says sadly. "It was one of the reasons I decided to sell out and move to Canon City."

"I couldn't even rent office space in Florence for a Goldwater campaign headquarters. And the fellow who bought the hotel—the first thing he did was fire an employee because he was a John Birch member."

Why was he a crusader? a Post reporter asked him.

His reply:

"The only way we're going to beat communism is at the local level, with education. We've got to wake people up—make them realize this is a Christian nation."

But are there any Communists in Florence?

"I don't know," Browning says. "How do you fight enemies you can't see?"

Towns' Attitude Led to FACT

Browning goes on to explain that it was the attitude of Florence, and of Canon City, that led to the creation of FACT.

The Rev. Billy James Hargis of Tulsa, Okla., director of the Christian Crusade and founder of Manitou Springs' Anti-Communist Youth University, spoke in Canon City last summer "and there wasn't a line about it in the papers."

More recently, according to Browning, the Florence School Board refused to allow use of a school auditorium for the showing of two of conservatism's favorite films, "Katanaga—the Untold Story" and "An American Story."

Browning says he also was troubled by the "internationalist overtones" of certain social studies books used in Florence schools. Not only that, but some of the high school's required reading — especially the writings of Nobel Prize-winners John Steinbeck and William Faulkner—was "morally degrading."

On April 3, FACT was established. It now has about 25 members "and is still growing," Browning says.

One charter member of FACT is John Mock of Denver, former editor of the now-defunct Constitutional Guardian. Mock also has been Colorado coordinator for Hargis' Christian Crusade.

Statement of Purpose Familiar

The statement of purpose adopted by FACT is similar to that of many other groups of its nature:

"To disseminate or cause to be disseminated by any or all normal means of communications to the general public at large any and all facts pertinent to the political and/or philosophical objections to communism, socialism, nazism, fascism and any other collectivist or totalitarian form of government; to defend in all ways, both legal and moral, the Constitution of the United States."

How can a group of 25 persons in Fremont County, Colorado, have an impact on decisions made in Washington, 2,000 miles away?

"We're not just one group," says Browning. "We're one group among many."

"Conservatives have been quiet a long time. Now they're speaking up for what they believe, and they're finding that a lot of other people across this land feel the same way. . ."

In the family room of an attractive, ranch-style house in the Applewood section of Jefferson County, 12 men and a woman stand, place their hands over their hearts and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. There is an American flag on a staff at one end of the room, by the fireplace.

Then they take their seats and get down to the business of the Council for Patriotic Action. Stated Purpose: "To support and defend the national government, the Constitution and the flag of the United States of America, and maintain this nation as a free and separate republic, etc."

Murmurs of Approval

Council Chairman Harold R. Willis, commander, U.S. Navy-retired, reports he has received a letter from Sen. Barry Goldwater, in which the Arizonan assures him it is not too late to "restore common sense and decency to America."

There are murmurs of approval from council members. With that out of the way, it's on to the next order of business: Subversion in schoolbooks.

Willis informs the council he had discovered, to his astonishment, that one of his son's social studies books used a multiple choice test as "a clever but clumsy way to get kids to believe communism is the only economic system."

John Gay of Boulder speaks up. Gay, who is chairman of an organization he calls the Eastern Colorado Branch of the United Anti-Communist Action Committee of Western New York, tells the council how a textbook analysis agency with

the name America's Future has been doing good work in screening schoolbooks. America's Future, he adds, "already has been labeled witchhunters and bookburners, so it must be hitting the mark."

There is a discussion of how the crusading conservative can make himself felt in such groups as parent-teacher associations.

Chesley K. Clark of Littleton, lieutenant colonel, U.S. Army-retired, suggests: "Pack the hall. Have Roberts Rules of Order down pat. Heckle. Challenge. . ."

Chairman Willis gets on to the next order of business. He tells the council of the feud he has going in the columns of The Denver Post's Open Forum. His opponent: A psychologist who had written to the Open Forum, taking issue with an earlier letter from Willis.

You Know What Kind of Place . . .

... He went to NYU, and you all know what kind of a place that is," Willis reports.

The council members chuckle and look very knowing.

"... I'm having real fun playing cat and mouse with that guy."

Willis calls for reports.

Ted C. Billings, Colorado chairman of the Constitution party, informs the other council members that "naturally, the Goldwater victory in the California primary hurts us." No, he says, he doesn't yet know who the Constitution party candidate will be, although there has been talk of Alabama's Gov. George Wallace.

(Wallace since has withdrawn from the presidential race. The Constitution Party nominated as its presidential candidate Joseph B. Lightburn of Jane Lew, W. Va. Billings was named as Lightburn's running mate.)

H. Walker Harris suggests it might be better if conservatives everywhere closed ranks, because "Senator Goldwater's strength lies in the conservative movement." He recalls the split between Currigan and Grant forces in last year's Denver mayoral campaign and tells the council: "If there is a split nationally, let it be in the Democratic ranks."

Dr. Charles G. Gabelman, a Denver allergist, reports on the activities of the Colorado Patriots. The Patriots, he says, have held several profitable discussion meetings, and have listened to tape-recorded talks by such "outstanding anti-Communists as W. Cleon Skousen, J. Edgar Hoover and Fred Schwarz."

Then it is Gay's turn. The American Civil Liberties Union is having a convention at Boulder, he reports. And this, he says, will bring "a real swarm of the radical left to town."

There is a lull in the session as coffee and cookies are served.

Then Willis nods to Council Member Harris. "I'd like to have Mr. Harris give us anything new on the U.N. that smells..."

"Conservatives," says LeMoyne Browning, late of Florence, Colo., "have been quiet a long time. Now they're speaking up for what they believe, and they're finding that a lot of other people across this land feel the same way."

SAC, DENVER (62-1623)

8/24/64

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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On 8/7/64 [REDACTED] District Attorney's Office, advised that he is a member of the Anti-Defamation League of the B'Nai B'Rith and that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Anti-Defamation League, Denver, Colorado, covering states of Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico and Utah, had recently provided [REDACTED] the list of the following names as being members of or interested in the John Birch Society at Pueblo, Colorado:

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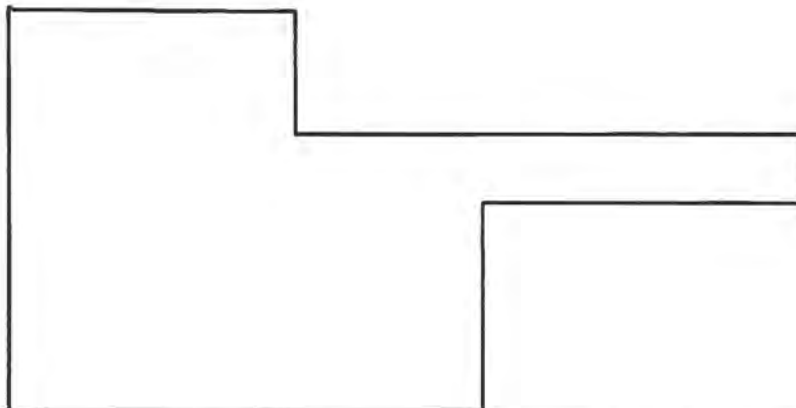
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[redacted] stated that he had not identified persons other than those designated above in relation to the occupation, status or residence.

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TO : SAC (62-1623)

DATE: 11/24/64

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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This is to record that on 11/10/64 [REDACTED]

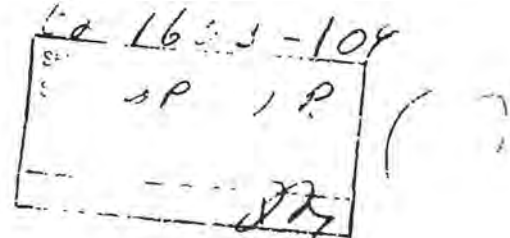
[REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED] telephonically advised that a [REDACTED] friend of his named [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] asked him if he would be interested in attending a meeting of the John Birch Society. [REDACTED] wanted the above information to be made a matter of record in this office.

He stated that if anything should come to his attention which he feels should be called to the attention of the FBI, he would do so.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (62-1623)

DATE: 12/2/64

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Information Concerning

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[REDACTED] Postal Clerk, Fort Collins,
Colorado, advises that one [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has rented a box in the name
of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of March 1st has been received,
and I want to thank you for bringing this information to my
attention. You may be sure your letter will be made a
matter of official record in our files.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Director J. Edgar Hoover March 1, 1965
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover;

I am a member of a small study group which is beginning a study of Communism. As a part of the material I will use, I have subscribed to the People's World, published at Los Angeles. 100-34

I felt it prudent to notify your office of the purpose of my subscription to People's World, as I am a loyal American citizen.

Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (62-1623)

DATE: 12/3/64

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: COUNCIL FOR PATRIOTIC ACTION

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On 11/3/64, [REDACTED] telephonically contacted this office and said that he desired to furnish information about a group of individuals.

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On 11/5/64, SA [REDACTED] talked to [REDACTED] at his office in the [REDACTED] stated that he resides at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he has been writing letters to newspapers in Denver expressing his views and as a result of that has been contacted by several individuals whom he considers are connected with the "rightest" movement in Colorado. He stated that he attended a meeting in August of 1964 at the invitation of [REDACTED] at the residence of [REDACTED] resides in [REDACTED] This meeting was held under the name of Council for Patriotic Action. [REDACTED] stated that a "Denver Post" newspaper reporter was present at this meeting and subsequently wrote an article in the "Denver Post." (BOB WHEARLEY, "Denver Post" reporter, article is Serial 107 of 62-1623.)

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[REDACTED] subsequently at the invitation of [REDACTED] attended meetings in the residence of [REDACTED] and in the office of [REDACTED] located at [REDACTED]

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[] stated that the purpose and details of this meeting at the [] residence is pretty well described in the newspaper article.

In connection with [] met [] through an unidentified attorney in Denver. It appeared that this attorney represented [] [] did not want to identify the attorney). At the [] meeting attended by [] and the attorney, [] was talking in terms of insurrection. [] was attempting to feel out [] to determine [] political views. [] in the past has belonged to an organization known as the Colorado Patriots and he has furnished material from the Colorado Patriots to []. [] stated that he was unable to determine if [] was a member of Minutemen, the John Birch Society, or any other organization but he did learn that there are a group of individuals closely associated with [] who purchase ammunition which is used by the group for rifle and pistol practice. He stated that he does not know any of the members of this group but it is possible that [] is a member. He stated that [] keeps some type of records on the amount of money contributed and spent by this group for ammunition.

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[] stated that the Council for Patriotic Action is made up of six to twenty individuals. This council is a coordinating group which heads the various rightest groups in the Denver area.

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This group includes [] of the Constitution Party; [] of the American Legion in Boulder, Colorado; and [] who is violently anti-Negro and anti-Semitic. [] was formerly associated with [] who used to publish a monthly newspaper known as []. Also included in this group is [] U. S. Army, retired, who came here from California and

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lives in South Denver or Littleton, Colorado. The group also includes [redacted] who works in the [redacted] [redacted] stated that he was formerly a member of the [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he has not continued in his association with [redacted] nor this council because he was very active in the political campaign on behalf of Senator BARRY GOLDWATER and that he did not want his political activity tainted with any association with rightist groups.

RE: [redacted]

IC [redacted] obtained from the Colorado Motor Vehicle Division on November 12, 1964, copies of [redacted] driver's license which reflects that he was born [redacted] [redacted] Current directories reflect that [redacted] resides at [redacted] [redacted] and has an office at [redacted]

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Denver Motor Vehicle records as provided by [redacted] [redacted] on 11/9/64, reflect that [redacted] had incurred four traffic violations between 1960 and 1963.

On November 30, 1964, [redacted] [redacted] furnished information regarding [redacted] Former addresses were listed as [redacted] [redacted] is self-employed as a [redacted] and has been on record at the Retail Credit Men's Association since November, 1959. [redacted] was born in [redacted] filed a divorce petition on 6/4/62, in Denver District Court against [redacted] [redacted] A notation on the record is that the divorce was dropped.

The records reflect that [] lived in [] most of his life except when he left in 1941 to attend the [] He served in the U. S. Army from June, 1943 until December, 1945. After being discharged from the Army, he returned to school and graduated in 1951. On April 7, 1953, [] claimed that his wife [] inherited \$10,000. On September 18, 1961, [] is shown to be married with a wife and [] children. On October 8, 1962, he is reported as an [] On May 28, 1964, the Retail Credit Men's Association prepared a report for Deford Mortgage Company on [] which reflected his wife as [] and property address as [] []

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The record reflects that he was married to [] on August 26, 1950, and that she was born []

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The above information is being recorded for future reference. It is noted that there appears to be a group of individuals in the Denver area who have the propensity for joining "rightest" type groups and it may be possible to obtain future information about these groups from [] It is to be noted that [] was investigated on two occasions by this office and because of this, he could not qualify as a security informant.

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A search of the Denver Division indices, city and householders directories, as well as a review of Denver Division files, reveals the following information:

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Denver file [REDACTED] serial 50, reflects that on 7/20/64 a source advised that [REDACTED] was a former employee of [REDACTED] and is associated with the [REDACTED] of Colorado, and is currently speaking on radio station KPML between 6:45 and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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No listing reflected in city directory; however, Denver telephone directory lists [REDACTED] [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Denver file 62-1855 reflects that [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] of a four-page newspaper entitled [REDACTED] self-described as "a newspaper dedicated to the free enterprise system." [REDACTED] is noted for its vituperative attacks on the NAACP, Social Security System and the U.S. Department of State. Householders, city and telephone directories reflect no information regarding [REDACTED]

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Denver file 62-1623, serial 107, page 2, reflects [redacted] is a member of the Council for Patriotic Action, [redacted]

Denver city directory lists [redacted]
[redacted] telephone [redacted]
[redacted] employed at [redacted] wife [redacted]
[redacted] children [redacted] age [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] age [redacted]

COUNCIL FOR PATRIOTIC ACTION

Denver file 62-1623, serial 107, reflects Council [redacted] stated purpose "To support and defend the national Government, the constitution, and the flag of the United States of America, and maintain this nation as a free and separate republic." City and telephone directories negative regarding Council of Patriotic Action, as well as Council for Patriotic Action.

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Denver file 62-1623, serial 107, reflects that [redacted] is [redacted] of the Council for Patriotic Action.

Suburban directory lists [redacted]
[redacted] wife [redacted]
[redacted] children [redacted] age [redacted] and [redacted] age [redacted]

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Denver file 62-1623, serial 107, reflects that [redacted] is a [redacted] with offices at [redacted] who is reportedly associated with the [redacted]

City directories list [redacted] wife [redacted]
[redacted] offices [redacted]

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[redacted] however, telephone directory lists home address as [redacted]

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Indices of the Denver Division as of 11/7/64 reflect no information regarding [redacted]

Telephone directory lists address as [redacted] telephone [redacted] No listing available suburban directories.

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Denver file [redacted] reflects [redacted] born [redacted] resided [redacted] 11/59 to 4/15/60, on basis of Reserve Army ID card reflecting he was [redacted] in Army Reserve. In interview, subject advised left U.S. approximately 6/24/59, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and flew military transport to Germany by displaying Army Reserve ID card. Subject toured West Germany, Switzerland, and France and subsequently took ferry boat to England where he stayed Mildenhall AFB. At Mildenhall, subject advised approached by AF officer, who asked if he would act as courier on flight to U.S. carrying official documents and pouches designated for National Security Agency, State Department, Naval Intelligence, and USAF. [redacted] U.S. Military Academy, ID card [redacted] acted as armed guard. Subject flew to McGuire AFB, New York, where he turned over pouches to an unknown Chief Warrant Officer of Courier Transfer Service. Subject stated he flew military plane McGuire AFB to Tacoma, Washington, and subsequently to Mather AFB, California. Subject denied wearing uniform and stated all travel on military plane obtained upon displaying Reserve Army ID card. Subject returned to Wyoming 9/5/59, and 11/59 returned to Denver. AUSA, Denver, declined prosecution. Subject's ID card obtained by OSI, Lowry Air Force Base, and CID, U.S. Army, Denver, advised subject to be discharged from reserves.

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Denver file [] reflects that [] attempted to contact President. MOISE TSHOMBE of the Republic of Katanga (Republic of the Congo) by letter dated 8/17/62. [] letter to TSHOMBE advised that he was sympathetic to the Katangese cause and outlined an advertising type campaign that could be launched in the U.S. to influence American public opinion in behalf of the Province of Katanga.

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On 1/31/63 a source who had been acquainted with [] for approximately [] years advised that [] was employed by the [] and worked in the States of Wyoming and Colorado off and on during the years 1959 through 1962. During the years 1961 and 1962, [] was employed by the insurance company as a recruiter in the State of Colorado. His duties consisted of visiting various communities in the state and interviewing and recruiting applicants for the position of insurance salesman. [] was dismissed from this position in June, 1962, and soon thereafter secured a position with the [] located in the [] This institute is an employment agency and [] had the position of []

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Source stated that [] is separated from his wife, who resides in [] and presently resides with a []

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Source advised that [] is an individual with many eccentric characteristics. Source stated that on one occasion [] was attempting to form a company to manufacture []

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Source stated that [] on occasions gets certain ideas and immediately endeavors to institute his ideas and then in a few days or weeks completely forgets that particular idea.

Source advised that in his opinion [] is harmless, notwithstanding the fact that he is very erratic and irresponsible.

Denver file 62-1623, serial 107, reflects [] is a member of the Constitution Party of Colorado.

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In 1963 the Constitution Party of Colorado was attempting to institute legislation aimed at doing away with the Federal income tax.

Denver directories reflect [] (no telephone). listed as [] for the [] located in the [] telephone [] His wife was listed as []

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EXTREMISM TACTICS

Welch Confuses Communist Danger

(Editor's Note: Harry and Bonaro Overstreet, who have written widely praised studies of communism, now have turned their attention to the far right. Their thesis is that extremism — whether of the left or right — threatens the security and integrity of the United States. This is the second in a series from their book, "The Strange Tactics of Extremism.")

By HARRY and BONARO OVERSTREET

Robert Welch, in both "The Blue Book" and "The Politician," tacitly promises to make clear the nature and extent of the danger we face—and forthwith becomes an agent of enormous confusion.

In the September 1963 Bulletin, he further demonstrates his quite remarkable capacity to reduce distinctions to a general blur. On the subject of the effect that changes of signal had upon dogs in Pavlov's experiments, he writes that "by far the greatest usefulness of the diabolic system, to its copyright owners in the Kremlin, will be its help toward making gibbering political idiots out of the American people."

"To this end you are going to see men who are recognized by informed students as Communists suddenly taking some strong anti-Communist line; projects that will damage the Communists being promoted by Communist agencies; men who have built up a sizable following as anti-Communists coming out at long last in support of Communist positions. . . . The ultimate grand design is to reduce all groups and divisions of the American people to a

mental state where they do not have the slightest idea of whom to believe or what to believe, about anything."

NO EVIDENCE

Welch offers no shred of evidence — much less, proof — that such a Pavlovian campaign of confusion is being planned or enacted. He states it as a fact. He often does this sort of thing. Karl Marx, we would recall, first declared his all-embracing theory to be proved true by its "inner coherence," and then set out to gather evidence with which to convince the less inspired. When Welch gets the feel of a "grand design," he is similarly above the need of proof.

We suspect, quite simply, that Welch has found in Pavlov a license to add to his list of suspects a whole range of anti-Communists: Persons who, he has felt all along, could not be genuine because they do not stand at his end of the opinion-spectrum on domestic and foreign policy.

J. Edgar Hoover, who deals with the actualities of the Communist threat and knows how hard these are to determine, has repeatedly warned against the dangers inherent in amateur investigations. Thus, he has urged, "Do not circulate rumors or draw conclusions from information coming to your attention. The data you possess may be incomplete or only partially accurate. . . . It is just as important to protect the innocent as to identify our enemies."

"Refrain from making private investigations. Report the information you have to the FBI and leave the checking of data to trained investigators."

At the founding session of the John Birch Society Welch presented himself, in fact, as a person endowed with a singular capacity to distinguish friend from enemy in the war against Communist conspirators.

All in all, our duty constituted authorities, as portrayed by Welch, are exceedingly frail reeds to lean upon. In "The Blue Book," page 21, he even says that "all really effective exposure of . . . espionage rings and agents" has "now been stopped." Since exposures have, in fact, continued without interruption, we recommend, as an antidote to this statement, a report by J. Edgar Hoover which the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee issued in May 1960. Entitled "Expose of Soviet Espionage," it can be secured from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for 15 cents.

DESCRIBES BOOK

In the letter which he suggested that Birchers might want to send out to advertise "The Politician," Welch described this book as "carefully documented." For a sampling of the type of documentation which he calls careful, we turn to his Chapter XVI: "Associates and Appointments."

The chief purpose of this chapter, Welch states, is "to turn the spotlight on the general run of appointments which Eisenhower has made since he became president, and to adumbrate their significance." While Eisenhower could not "dodge" the necessity of appointing "some good Republicans and sound Americans" to his first Cabinet, his later appointments showed his true colors.

And these, according to Welch, were "almost invariably" dictated by a wish to weaken the conservative wing

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of the ~~Republican~~ party, to get support for "socialistic measures," or "to put actual Communists or Communist sympathizers into influential positions . . ." To support this thesis, Welch devotes Pages 221-248 of "The Politician" to the "documented" records of 40 appointees.

Milton Eisenhower: "In my opinion the chances are very strong that Milton Eisenhower is actually Dwight Eisenhower's superior and boss within the whole Leftwing Establishment." The proof? Milton's "leftist" position is shown by his having been "an ardent New Dealer" and by his having supported "Owen Lattimore, and others like him, at Johns Hopkins."

John Foster Dulles: "For many reasons and after a lot of study, I personally believe Dulles to be a Communist agent who has had one clearly defined role to play; namely, always to say the right things and always to do the wrong ones."

We pause here, for tactic identification; for the trick Welch uses against Dulles is an extremist favorite. When a person with a clear record of anti-Communist statements is to be liquidated, what he has said is offered as a proof of how subtly Communist purposes can be disguised.

What proof does Welch offer to show that Dulles was a Communist agent? He mentions, without elaboration, the "Japanese peace treaty, the Austrian peace treaty, and his very definite doublecrossing of the British government on the Suez af-



J. EDGAR HOOVER
Warns against amateurs.

fair . . ." He says that Dulles helped to persuade Thomas E. Dewey to support "the pro-Communist foreign policies of the Roosevelt and Truman Administrations"; that he was a friend of Dean Acheson.

In many cases, instead of directly attacking an individual, Welch denounces a policy or organization — thus giving himself a license to attack, at his own convenience, all the people who have been connected with it.

He proceeds to describe Gen. Lucius Clay, first president of the Crusade for Freedom, as the man who helped Eisenhower "to mess up the Berlin situation so favorably for the Russians."

When we came upon this statement, we had a strong impulse to ask Robert Welch, as Joseph N. Welch asked Sen. McCarthy, "Have you no sense of decency, sir, at long last? Have you left no sense of decency?" For it was Gen. Lucius Clay who created and maintained for almost a year that brave, well-nigh incredible airlift which finally, in May, 1949, broke the Soviet blockade of West Berlin, saving that beleaguered city from starvation and Communist takeover.

(NEXT: Words and Scholars.)

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EXTREMISM TACTICS

Birch Society Chief Uses Many Tactics to Guide Flock

(Editor's Note: Harry and Bonaro Overstreet, who have written widely praised studies of communism, now have turned their attention to the far right. Their thesis is that extremism — whether of the left or the right — threatens the security and integrity of the United States. This is the fourth in a series from their book, "The Strange Tactics of Extremism.")

By HARRY and
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Robert Welch's manner of guiding the Birchers toward the conclusions he wants them to reach is an extraordinary blend of the folksy and the erudite.

Month after month, by means of "American Opinion" and the "Bulletin," he keeps them persuaded that he recognizes them as the salt of the earth and is educating them for a great mission; that whatever he asks them to do will be relevant to their country's need; and that he is, in his grasp of affairs, more than a match for the conspiracy designed by intellectuals.

Among the many tools that he thus employs, statistics and percentages seem to occupy a favored place.

The first example is what Welch has named the American Opinion Scoreboard. This is presented each year as a document heavy with portent; and this is even more true than usual, perhaps, in the case of the 1960 Scoreboard.

A page of explanation begins thus: "On the following pages we present American Opinion's third annual Scoreboard, which shows the status of the International Communist

Conspiracy in 107 countries of the world on the first of June 1960. As before, the table is a composite of estimates made independently by highly qualified and expert observers on four continents—each a long-time student of the techniques of communism."

Further down on the same page, we find a statement of what Welch claims to have done with these estimates:

"We measure the degree of effective control that the International Communist Conspiracy exercises over everything of political or economic importance that is done in each country — the degree to which the conspiracy can prevent whatever it does not want and can induce or impose whatever it does want."

Actually, on the Scoreboard — except for the countries of the Communist orbit, where control is set at a uniform 100 per cent — each percentage has a built-in latitude of 20 points.

Thus, that of Spain is 0-20 — which, translated into words means that the Communists may have no effective control whatever over the political and economic life of that country or may control as much as one-fifth of it.

Other countries to which Welch assigns the percentage of 0-20 are Australia, Ireland, New Zealand, and Portugal. So far as the United States is concerned, the Communists are said to exercise 40-60 per cent control over everything of political or economic importance that is done.

The Scoreboard is followed by a section headed Reconciliation: Progress of Conspiracy, 1 June, 1958-1 June, 1960. Here we are told that in 1958, 16 countries were "relatively safe;" but by 1960, only 12. In 1958, only 12 countries were "sliding into the abyss;" by 1960, 28 countries. In 1958, 3 countries were "under communist slavery;" by 1960, 2 countries.

We wish we had space to quote many of the American Opinion items about the countries for which percentages are given; but we will limit ourselves to the case of Venezuela.

It is a country that has been much in the news during the past two years or so, because of Communist sabotage, Betancourt's resistance to this; his urgent appeals for OAS help; and the orderly transition, for the first time in its history, from one administration to another by free election.

These factors lend special interest to Welch's description of it as "the Communist puppet-state of Venezuela;" and to his listing of it among the 32 countries that are categorically stated to be "under Communist slavery."

All of this brings us back to his "highly qualified and expert observers." Who are they? Not one of them is named. Each is said to have been "a long-time student of the techniques of communism." Where does he stand in the company of trained research scholars in the field?

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In 1958 — the year the society was founded — the first Score board set the degree of Communist control over our national life at 20-40 per cent.

Our second example of how Welch uses percentages dates from Oct. 9, 1961, and a speech that he then gave at Garden City, Long Island.

In this, he said that "the most trustworthy estimates" indicate that about 3 per cent of the Protestant clergy could now be described as Comsymps." He volunteered no parallel estimate for the Catholic priesthood.

Asked about this, however, during the question period, he said that his guess would be that Comsymps who are priests would not yet come to "more than one-half of 1 per cent of the total — as against 3 per cent among Protestants."

To his mind, as he explained later, he was complimenting the priesthood. But Monsignor Francis J. Lally, editor of "The Pilot" — newspaper for the Boston diocese presided over by Richard Cardinal Cushing — took it upon himself to be a spokesman for the common-sense fact that a percentage does not exist in its own right. To have any meaning at all, it must be capable of being translated into a figure.

In an editorial, he wrote: . . . "Mr. Robert Welch has in effect declared that there are 273 Catholic priests in the United States who are Communist sympathizers. In his own words he made 'a long-range guess' that one-half of 1 per cent of the U.S. Catholic priests are Comsymps.

SPORTING OFFER

"We would like to go along with Mr. Welch and make him a sporting offer. We will print the names of any 50 of these priests that he can produce and along with it, as space allows, whatever evidence he has to support his charges . . ."

In response to this "sporting offer", Welch did not name even one Comsymp priest. Instead, in a long letter which was published in full in the Oct. 21 issue of The Pilot, he expressed his complete surprise that anyone would expect him to do so.

The percentage which he had "pulled out of a hat" was not, he explained, intended to refer to any specific list of priests who could be identified as Comsymps; nor was it intended to imply that he could "substantiate" his guess.

He had, he said, simply chosen this percentage as a reasonable one with which to suggest the probable difference of degree of Communist infiltration into the priesthood and into the Protestant ministry.

The figure he had applied to the latter was not "any wild surmise." It "was based on what such authorities in this area as Herbert Philbrick and Dr. J. B. Matthews have been saying for years; on the work of other students in the same field; and on the results of some very thorough, intensive, and professional surveys made for and at the expense of a good friend of mine who is an outstanding Protestant layman. And there are thousands of Protestant ministers . . . who thoroughly agree with these estimates."

This 3 per cent estimate with respect to Communist sympathizers among Protestant clergymen was apparently first made by J. B. Matthews in 1953 but it has become, for radical rightists, a standard propaganda item. The figure of 7,000 supposedly equivalent to it, is almost as standard.

(NEXT: Of Men, Methods and Letters)

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EXTREMISM TACTICS

Welch Outlines Program for Birch Group

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By HARRY and BONARO OVERSTREET

So far, we have talked chiefly of Welch's own manner of operations. Here, we wish to move beyond what he does to what he recommends that others do. In Section 4 of "The Blue Book" — "And So, Let's Act" — he outlines a 10-point action program for Birch Society members.

Welch claims — and, we feel sure, believes — that he stands for individual responsibility. But the type of responsibility which he asks the rank-and-file Birchers to assume is not that of being keepers of their own minds.

First, the program calls for the establishment of reading rooms — which would also be lending libraries — "in just as many of the cities, towns and villages of this country as may be possible."

How many books each of these reading rooms will have, especially which books, and under what conditions, would, of course, be tightly controlled from headquarters.

Second, the program calls for the putting of "conservative periodicals" into places — such as barber shops and doctors' offices — where people will pick them up for casual reading.

Third, Welch calls for the encouragement and support of such radio and TV programs as those "of Fulton Lewis, Clarence Manion, and dozens of more localized broadcasters. . ."

Fourth, the program calls for "organized planning and control to make full and effectively co-ordinated use of the powerful letter-writing weapon that lies so readily at hand."

The fifth point in the Welch program is frankly Leninist: "We would organize fronts — little fronts, big fronts. . ."

"This front business, like a lot of techniques the communists use, can be made to cut both ways."

Welch recommends that the Birchers, in connection with their front activities, also use the related communist standby: Mass petitions. "Goodness knows the communists have proved their subtle value and effectiveness. We ought to outdo the communists at least 2-1 at that game. . ."

The sixth point of Welch's action program calls for "exposure" of enough "communists" to provide a shock for the American public — with American Opinion to be used as the medium for such exposures. And here Welch gives a concrete example of the type of thing he has in mind.

The head of one great educational institution, he says, is a man "whom at least some of us believe to be a communist." Hence, this man's exposure should not wait upon proof: "Even with \$100,000 to hire sleuths to keep him and his present contacts under constant surveillance for a while, and to retrace every detail of his past history, I doubt if we could prove it on him."

Welch's seventh point also calls for the use of loaded questions — to be directed, in this case, at a platform speaker who is to be "exposed." The trick, he indicates, would be "to send about three people to his 'lectures' (but a different three each night), have them sit apart and show no connection with each other, and let each of them ask a question during his question and answer period."

The eighth point in Welch's program has to do with the American Opinion Speakers Bureau. The first task of the society in relation to a speakers bureau, Welch indicates in the Blue Book, would be that of lining up correct speakers who would be willing to appear before groups for small fees or none.

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The ninth point has to do with a long-range hope on Welch's part: He hopes that the Birch Society will become, on the world front, a body in the sense that the Communist party is one. By the term body, he indicates, he means a force "which can move and work and make itself effective as an entity."

Tenth: "Finally, and probably most important of all . . . we would put our weight into the political scales of the country, just as fast and far as we could."

An awareness that Welch meant very literally what he said on this score, and that Birch Society members are dedicated to the fulfillment of his program, has been swiftly growing among us.

At this writing, for example, extremist elements in California — with the Birch Society, it would appear, the strongest among them — have captured the Young Republicans and the Republican Assembly, and appeared for a time to be well on their way toward gaining control of the State Central Committee.

LETTER CAMPAIGN

Welch, in proposing his plan for letter-writing campaigns, states that there should be "a continuous overwhelming flood of letters, not just to legislators or the executive departments in Washington, but to newspapers, editors, television and radio sponsors, educators, lecturers, state legislators and politicians, foundation heads and everybody else whose opinions, actions and decisions count for anything in the ultimate total of actions and decisions."

Decisions about both target and subject matter are handed down from above. Nor is this all. Even the form that letters should take and the tone they should have are leader-determined.

Finally, in Welch's own words, "the amount of promptness and participation" in each campaign should be "constantly checked and evaluated by a

central headquarters or director."

The October 1963 "Ladies Home Journal" carried a story by James Clavell, called "The Children's Story."

The Story, like George Orwell's "1984," employs the literary device of placing events after a totalitarian — and ob-

viously communist — seizure of power. Its setting is a classroom in an American elementary school.

The aim of the story is to show the highly subtle methods by which a young communist teacher, chosen by the hierarchy for her skill with children, contrives to alienate the

students, step by careful step, from their parents, their country and their religion.

In the November 1963 bulletin Welch exhibits his total lack of comprehension of the story.

He tells the Birchers, "You are gradually given the impression, but ONLY the impression without any outright statement,

that this is an account of the wonderful conditions that will prevail when the communists officially take over the educational system. . . ."

PROTEST LETTERS

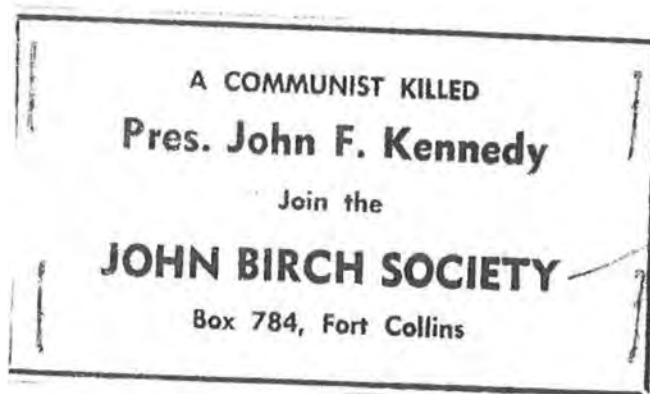
Then he advises the Birchers to read it; and, giving them the name and address of the editor-in-chief of the Curtis Publishing

Co., suggests writing to him letters of protest.

The editors of the "Journal" concluded that, out of the total of 2,378, as many as 2,000 letters had been written in response to "an inaccurate directive from a single person."

(Next: The Dan Smoot Report.)

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FROM SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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On 4-21-65 [REDACTED] Colorado Springs, Colorado advised that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] local Colorado Springs residents, who explained that they were members of the John Birch Society, contacted him at his office on 4-21-65 and advised that [REDACTED] was going to make several speeches, the subject matter of which is "Why I Belong To the John Birch Society."

[REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] was speaking at Pueblo, Colorado night of 4-21-65; Colorado Springs, (at East Junior High School), night of 4-22-65 and at Denver at unknown location night of 4-23-65.

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[REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] was also going to speak on Colorado Springs local radio station KSSS at 11:30 A. M. and at the Exchange Club, Colorado Springs 4-22-65 at noon.

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Co. of "Yonine, Cheyenne," yo., 3/21/65; BB

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY; file number unknown

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Purpose and results of contact

☒ NEGATIVE☒ POSITIVE

91-2203: PCI advised he had ascertained that [redacted]

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY:

PCI advised he had heard that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY is planning to hold a meeting, public, 7:30 p.m. 5/1/65 at the Cheyenne Federal Savings and Loan Civic Room. A [redacted] is to be the principal speaker.

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PCI advised he had no information regarding subject.

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating good

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Archiver Says U. S. Should Stop Allied Trade With Red Nations

A representative of the John Birch Society said last night there are chapters of the organization in Cheyenne and that he was seeking to organize another one.

Donald Vondra of Boulder, Colo., area coordinator for the society, said it was the organization's policy not to release names of members or their number and refused to say how many chapters Cheyenne

form was.

Speaking to about 40 persons at an orientation meeting at the Cheyenne Federal Savings and Loan Association Building, Vondra said the United States should stop its allies, including Great Britain, from trading with communist countries.

"I would sink their ships if they carry supplies to the enemy. . . mine their harbors," Vondra said when asked how he would stop British trade with Red China.

Asked how the U. S. would have allies abroad if this was done, Vondra asked, "Do we have allies now?"

Asked if he hoped to organize a chapter of the society in Cheyenne, Vondra said, "Yes, another one." He said, "There are chapters here. Let's put it that way."

Vondra said the Birch Society was designed as an "authoritarian, monolithic" organization to advance the "conservative, anti-communist" philosophy.

Asked if members identify themselves as such in their communities, he said usually only when seeking new members. He said many other groups, including the Daughters of the American Revolution

American College of Physicians and Surgeons, do not release the names and numbers of their members.

In working toward the Society's goals, through projects outlined in its monthly publication, Vondra said members are acting as "good citizens" and the organization's head and founder, Robert Welch, repeatedly has urged members not to do anything against their better judgment or consciences.

Asked why the Society's authoritarian structure is necessary if its members are acting as individuals, Vondra said strict organization achieved "coordination" of projects throughout the nation.

Vondra said the Birch Society's goals could be capsuled as "less government, more individual responsibility and a better world." He said an immediate project was to bar communists from appearing on college campuses — a prime goal of the Communist Party in the United States.

A member of the audience, identified as a University of Wyoming student, said being able to speak on and hear views from all sides of the spectrum was basic to freedom of speech. He said college students are intelligent and discerning enough to make up their own minds.

A woman in the audience stood up and told the student, "You can go to Russia if you don't like it here." Vondra said as far as he was concerned, all communists in this country could be "lynched."

Vondra said the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the constitution do not extend to "subversives."

Vondra said the society was working to impeach United States Chief Justice Earl Warren because he had not kept his oath to protect the Constitution.

He said the society opposed fluoridation of city water supplies because it was "compulsion" to force persons who objected to it to drink medically treated water.

Vondra said he was "con-

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"used" by the apparently anti-communist stand the U.S. government had taken in Viet Nam and the Dominican Republic after previously playing into Moscow's hands, but the most puzzling aspect was why continued trade with communist countries by the U.S. and its allies was allowed.

Vondral said the Birch Society is not secret or subversive and it has been widely attacked by communists because it is effective in fighting them.

He said the society was the only anti-communist group not infiltrated by the enemy because of the high moral character of its members and its authoritarian structure.

He said most commercial companies and churches are also authoritarian and persons who do not agree with the policies of any of the organizations can get out of them.

He said society membership has increased rapidly and it

had a staff of more than 120 persons in its home office at Delmont, Mass., and about 60 coordinators working in the field.

Vondra said society publications including the basic "Blue Book" written by Welch are available from the home office to any one who wants them.

He said the report of a California State Legislative committee which investigated the society for two years showed it was not subversive or unAmerican.

He said the society makes wide use of recommended books and pamphlets in its campaign to "dedicate as many of you as possible before it's too late."

Vondra opened the meeting to questions from the audience after two filmed speeches by Welch were shown and the society's aims were briefly explained.

Persons attending were given

a copy of a society publication titled "The John Birch Society—A Report." The publication said the organization was named for a heroic American soldier, Army Capt. John Birch.

A Baptist minister, Birch piled up an amazing record as an intelligence officer fighting the Japanese in China. The publication said Birch was ruthlessly murdered by Chinese communists a few days after peace was declared.

In one of the films, Welch said Birch was probably the "first victim of World War III," and that his murder was suppressed by the communist-controlled press in the United States to prevent an outbreak of public opinion against the communists.

Welch said only a very small percentage of the American press was communist controlled, but it was adequate for their purposes.

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[] stated that neither her husband nor herself nor the [] nor the [] have any interest in Communism and wanted the record to so reflect within the FBI Office at Denver, Colorado.

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Bircher, Demo Plan Debate On Civil Rights

A John Birch Society spokesman and a Young Democrat leader will debate the civil rights movement and communism at 8 p.m. Monday when Jefferson County Young Democrats meet at the Golden Steer Restaurant.

Don Vondra, former co-ordinator of the Birch Society in Colorado, will take the affirmative in a debate on a resolution that "The Civil Rights Movement in the United States is Substantially Controlled by Communists."

Richard D. Lammy, vice president of Colorado Young Democrats, will take the negative position. A question and answer period will follow.

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Coloradan Claims Birch Unit Growing

By RICHARD TUCKER
Rocky Mountain News Writer

The John Birch Society has been growing in the Colorado area, a newly appointed co-ordinator for the right-wing group said Tuesday, but he refused to disclose the number of members.

Donald H. Kennedy of 510 Meadowlark dr. said the society has more than doubled its membership in Colorado since the 1964 Republican national convention and is still growing.

"The only thing I'm authorized to say is that the national membership is 100,000," Kennedy said when asked how many members are in Colorado.

Can't Disclose Names

He said he could not disclose the names or numbers of the members in his territory, which includes all of Colorado and the southern part of Wyoming.

Kennedy, who operates an office in his home, is responsible for co-ordinating all activities of the Birchers in his area, including recruitment of new members.

He said the society's American Opinion Library, now located at 1440 S. Santa Fe dr., is looking for new quarters. An office may be set up in the new location, he said, if there is room.

Kennedy said the Birch Society's primary function is educational and not political. But he said that members must be involved in politics and other activities if they are going to change anything.

No Connection

The Birch Society has no connection with the newly formed



Donald H. Kennedy

Colorado Congress of Conservatives, which began organizing efforts in the Denver area last week, Kennedy said.

He admitted that CCC members might also be Birchers and said, "We have members in all parties." About 40 percent of the Birch members are Democrats, he declared.

Kennedy also said the Society is not connected with the Denver Citizens Council, another new group which is sponsoring a Nov. 18 speech by Sheriff Jim Clark of Selma, Ala.

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And so it goes. Such is the activity of the John Birch Society in Wichita. As it happens, the anti-U. N. sign pictured above did offend the Wichita liberal establishment to the point where they put up their own sign to rebut it. But all too often, save for the Wichita Council For Civic Responsibility (P. O. Box 7147, Wichita, Kansas 67211), the Birch machine has Wichita's liberals cowed.

The Wichita JBS is embarking on a massive recruiting campaign this fall. The new American Opinion Bookstore located at 6279 E. 13th, with its wood paneling and carved American eagles ready to pounce on the customers, required a fantastic financial outlay by birchfuhrers Love, Koch and Myers. The dial-some-patriotism "Let Freedom Ring" (AM 7-3348) program and the upcoming American Opinion Speakers series which will bill Dean Clarence Manion, W. Cleon Skousen, E. Merrill Root, Scott Stanley, and Duane Thorin also put the Wichita faithful out a pretty shekel. The latter is supposed to raise money. If all the JBS members turn out at \$5.00 for the show it will make a fortune.

But all isn't lost. The WCCR "might" get Harry & Bonaro Overstreet if they're available. The few liberal ministers left in Wichita might even devote a sermon to the perils of extremism, devoting most of the talk, of course, to extremism on the left. Can't be too careful, you know. Better dead than red, or pink, or even a rosy hue.

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Report From the Dominican Republic

Lt. Col. Montez Arache, commandant of the rebel forces in strife-torn Santo Domingo, is worth \$100,000--dead or alive--to the military junta which seeks to crush his rebellion.

On June 4th, while mortar shells fell outside his heavily-guarded, sand-bag-protected command headquarters, I watched him as he wept unashamedly, confessing that his soldiers had shot and killed Negro American GI's in battle.

More than 40% of the approximately 20,000 American troops occupying that tropical island are Negroes, a proportion which must be regarded as a calculated piece of strategy by the Pentagon which sent them there.

Arache told me: "When our military intelligence informed us how many Negro soldiers were among the American troops, we were led to believe that the Americans had come as neutralists to establish a peace zone, rather than as aggressors." The rebel chief, wearing a U. S. chamelon camouflage jungle suit, wiped his brow with a khaki handkerchief not much darker than his face. In America he would have been recognized as a Negro. "Then we learned," he continued, "that our black brothers from the U. S. had come to kill us. They were duped into fighting against our cause. Oppressed citizens at home, they became the tools against our Dominican people's revolution. We had no choice but to kill them."

Few of the GI's stationed in the Dominican Republic would recognize themselves as "tools of Yankee Imperialism." This is a propaganda phrase much overworked and too square to be contemplated seriously.

But there is a vague discontent, an uncomfortable feeling of being an intruder, of somehow being guilty of a

kind of a social faux pas which has embarrassed the family by overstaying your welcome or going to visit on a day when you were not invited or even expected.

If the American GI had little enthusiasm for Korea and less for Vietnam, he has an even greater sense of reluctance in the Dominican Republic which--especially in the case of Negro troops--is perhaps unparalleled in American history.

Said Gary Jones of Miami, Florida an MP in the 82nd Airborne: "I do even know who the enemy is. The what bugs me."

Charles Veneble, Specialist Class with the 82nd Airborne, admitted: "Everyone has treated me nice. The what I don't like about being ordered to kill them."

Another Negro soldier who did not wish to be named, stated: "I cannot imagine being here if the Dominican people do not want the U. S. to help them. Should we help them if they do not care?"

Laurence Henry, writing in the June, 1965 issue of The Realist, Box 242, Madison Square Station, New York, New York 10010.

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THE STRANGE CASE OF JOHN WARD

By Laird Wilcox

On March 12, 1964, John Ward, 56, an Alton, Kansas, farmer and well-known dance composer, was sentenced to one year in a federal penitentiary and fined ten thousand dollars on three counts of income tax evasion. His trial, which lasted two days, was perhaps one of the strangest in Kansas judicial history.

During the years 1937 through 1939, John Ward and his mother, Mrs. Nettie Ward, had been swindled out of over \$10,000.00 by fraudulent oil and stock promoters. Often happens in rural areas, the Wards, principally Mrs. Ward, with their glib and trusting manner, had placed their confidence in a fortune teller. This one appeared to know what he was doing. The Rev. Laddie I. Perry was apparently with no way of knowing beforehand, to describe the shape and color of various objects in the Ward home and even name some of their relatives. Quite with all this, Mrs. Ward began seeing Rev. Perry frequently, sometimes in her home nine miles N. E. of Alton and sometimes at a farm several miles south of Alton, Kansas.

During one of his sessions, Perry told Mrs. Ward that soon a man would come to her and her son and offer them an unusual opportunity to make some money. Thereafter a man came and persuaded the Wards to invest a large amount of money in oil speculation. They invested and, of course, lost every cent.

In 1939 they were approached again, this time with a different offer from a different man. Ward was told that there was good reason to believe that there was oil on his land and that they could find out by merely running a test drill. This could be arranged for a measly \$1,000.00. Ward put up the money to get the drilling started. After waiting for a time, nothing materialized and he became impatient. Ward called the oil promoter and told him to either get the drilling started or refund his money and, failing this, he would report it to the authorities. After this incident, Ward and his mother went to Kansas City to see the "teller" again and find out what the hell was wrong. Gullible Mrs. Ward was persuaded that all would work out eventually, if only she would be patient for a couple more bucks. Rev. Laddie Perry also predicted that she would have a vacation soon and that she would have a wonderful time meeting many new people. Ward, by this time, was beginning to entertain some doubts about Perry's powers.

Some time later Mrs. Ward was approached by some friends and asked to go with them to Texas for a winter vacation. Although she hadn't planned the trip, John Ward's patience was growing thinner every day. He wrote a letter to the oil promoter, telling him that unless he got immediate action he would have to file a complaint with the U. S. District Attorney as soon as she returned to McAllen, Texas.

It was shortly after that letter had been sent that the most bizarre part of the case occurred. A few weeks before Mrs. Ward was scheduled to return home, she left a gas valve on in a room adjoining hers. She was nearly asphyxiated while she slept. Two weeks later, just as she was to come back to Alton, she was taken to a McAllen hospital. She died within 72 hours. According to the Osborne County Farmer, dated March 7, 1940, "The exact cause of her death was not known and up to the time of her sudden illness she had been in the best of health. She was apparently. She was attacked by an internal hemorrhage, from what cause was not known."

After the initial shock of losing his mother, with whom he had been very close, John Ward decided to take some action. Although the evidence, not which is presented here, was largely circumstantial, Ward felt that there was to suspect that foul play was involved in his mother's sudden demise. The incident that convinced him of this occurred after he had attempted to warn one of Laddie Perry's potential suckers about what he was getting into--and it also cost him his life. As soon as Ward found what Perry was up to, he called the fellow that had been propositioned and tipped him off. When Ward drove home that evening he hoped that, having foiled Perry's latest plot, he would hear no more from him. Within less than an hour after he drove into his driveway, a car passed and a shot echoed through the yard.

Perhaps the most tragic aspect of the whole Ward case is the lawlessness "don't-give-a-damn" attitude of the authorities. At the time, Ward appealed to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, but to no avail. The KBI promised to look into the matter but never showed up. Both the KBI and the FBI claimed that Ward had no case against the swindlers.

When John Ward was tried for income tax evasion in 1964, he freely admitted he had, in fact, purposely avoided paying his taxes as a form of protest against the tactic to make the United States government listen to him. During his trial he said:

"I don't think there is much doubt but what they (the government) have been neglectful in providing laws that protect you and I from swindlers. I don't think anybody can deny that." "I say to you if I can't get the FBI and the KBI to protect me and you then something is dreadfully wrong. I challenge you to produce one fortune teller in this whole United States that can stand before me and prove he isn't a fraud. If you are going to protect fraud what kind of a government have you got...? Have you an honest government?" "I believe when you come to an open well, mark it so nobody else will fall in, and mark it well. I have found that well, I have put up the marking. I am waiting for others to cover it up. Some day they will, and they will cover it up good."

During his trial Ward ignored the charge of income tax evasion and instead exercised his right to speak on the record to launch a ringing indictment against the government for its reluctance to protect its citizens. He introduced reams of evidence proving fortune tellers to be frauds and fakes. Furthermore, he refused to be represented by counsel, believing that they would be uncooperative in getting to the point across.

John Ward appealed his case to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on February 12, 1965. On April 14, he was advised that his conviction had been upheld. Following that, Ward asked for and received a stay of sentence in order to prepare an appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court. Unfortunately, because he was unable to comply with some technicalities, he has now lost the opportunity to appeal to this nation's highest judicial body. Currently free on bond, John is awaiting the inevitable letter giving him ten days to put his affairs in order and report to Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary to begin serving his one-year sentence.

What is the significance of the John Ward case and what might it mean to Americans? In the first place, I don't think he can be passed off as simply a crackpot with a weird line of some kind. He raises some very important questions regarding our legal system, for one thing. Why wasn't he able to get satisfaction against the swindlers who had defrauded him, even when he had the

them? And even more important, why hasn't something been done about these tellers" who prey upon the gullible and, even worse, are probably sometimes responsible for the disasters they predict?

Anyone familiar with any of the statistics released by Better Business around the nation must know the extent of swindling and fraudulent business transactions. One wonders if sometimes the thin line between the legitimate illegitimate business is clearly visible even to the law. The public attitude in many cases, is, "Well, wouldn't you do it if you thought you could get away with it? As usual in our society, the profit ethic prevails.

As far as the fortune tellers are concerned, the evidence that they are to predict the future speaks for itself. During his trial Ward produced evidence to this effect, including an article by a woman who had investigated thousand such people and found them all to be full of bullshit. But can tellers cause harm? Certainly they can. Obviously, in cases like John Ward's can cause a great deal of harm. There's no question that they defrauded Ward's mother out of several thousand dollars. And there is another kind of harm to cause, too--emotional or psychosomatic harm. Let's take note of a recent news dispatch from London:

Recently, a British psychiatrist -- who because of the British Medical Association's strict laws against anything resembling advertising asked that his name be withheld -- said, "I do not believe that death can be accurately predicted by a fortune teller, but I am certain that a irresponsible forecast can set off reactions which can make it come true." This statement came after a woman died one week after her 43rd birthday. Her death on that date had been predicted 38 years earlier when she was only 5 years old. Doctors could determine no reasonable cause for her death.

And what of John Ward's future after he is released from prison? Of course he has to earn a living and he will probably return to his thousand-plus acre farm for that purpose. But he has pledged himself to exposing fortune tellers, wherever they are, as long as he lives. During his trial and ever since he has been distributing the following statement:

"To all: I believe all fortune tellers are frauds and are unable to accurately foretell the future. I believe that in order for fortune tellers to be consistently accurate, they must have "rigged setups" or work with people who supply them with ordinary or inside information. I challenge any fortune teller in the United States to prove his or her ability to accurately predict the future before me. I reserve the right to ask the questions in order to avoid "rigged setups."

John C. Ward

And so we say, "go to it," John Ward. "Give them hell." We may not agree with your methods so far, and, obviously, we don't all feel as strongly about your cause as you do. But we are still with you. The editors and the readers of the Free Press will be awaiting the results of your crusade, whether they come from Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary or the wheat fields of Kansas. If more people like you had spoken up a little sooner perhaps the problem wouldn't exist today. I have been speaking up about Vietnam, poverty, racial discrimination, and many other social ills. Your voice, and your problem, should be heard, too.

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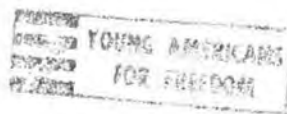
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Film on John Birch To Be Shown Twice

Highlights of the life of John Birch will be presented in two public movie showings sponsored by the John Birch Society Friday and Monday.

The free movie will be shown at 8 p. m. Friday in Capitol Federal Savings of Arvada and at the same time Monday in the First National Bank of Golden.

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[Redacted] telephonically advised writer that
he had information to the effect a meeting of the John Birch
Society was taking place tonight, 2/4/66, at 7:30 PM, at
the Capitol Federal Savings and Loan Association building,
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Dear Friend:

The conservative often finds himself in the position of being concerned with the progress of communism in the world, yet often is truly uninformed about the nature of communism or the reason for its success. In view of this fact a study course, comprehensive in nature, yet designed to give one an education in as short a period as possible has been planned.

The course will be held every Wednesday evening beginning Feb. 2, 1966 and will last eight weeks. A \$3.00 fee will be charged to cover the cost of Government publications which will be supplied to you during the course to document the subject material covered. Meetings will be limited to 1½ hours. Participation and discussion will be encouraged.

Following is an outline of the course:

- First Week: Film: "Communism on The Map" or "Communist Encirclement."
Literature: (1) Business Man Looks at Communism;
(2) ABA Report; (3) Begin YOU CAN TRUST THE COMMUNISTS, by Fred Schwarz.
- Second Week: Tape: "Dialectical Materialism" by Fred Schwarz.
Literature: How the Chinese Reds Hoodwink Visiting Foreigners;
Book Report, Communist Persecution of the Churches in China and North Korea.
- Third Week: Film: Katanga, The Untold Story.
Literature: 46 Angry Men.
- Fourth Week: Tape: "Cybernetics" by Herbert Philbrick.
Literature: The New Drive Against the Anti-Communists;
Book Report, Myth of Titoism. (optional, Reuther Memorandum)
- Fifth Week: Tape: "Internal Subversion" by Richard Arens.
Literature: Issues Presented by Air Central Training Manual;
Book Report, Communist Control on Religious Activities.
- Sixth Week: Tape: "Technique of Communist Takeovers" by Cleon Skousen.
Literature: Communist Psychological Warfare; Book Report, Permit Communists To Be Teachers.
- Seventh Week: Film: Civil Riots USA.
Literature: It's Very Simple by Alan Stang. Plot Against the Free World Police.
- Eighth Week: Tape: "Creeping and Galloping Socialism" by Ronald Reagan.
Literature: Lest We Forget.

We will gladly answer any questions that you might have if you call [redacted]
at [redacted] or [redacted] at [redacted] in the evenings.

Thank you,

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A letter bearing the typewritten name [REDACTED]
and dated January, 1966, reports on a course which will be
held every Wednesday evening beginning 2/2/66, and would
last eight weeks.

The letter is being attached to this memorandum
and should be serialized with this memorandum. It is being
maintained for information purposes regarding [REDACTED]

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ADL SPEAKER**Anti-Bircher
Action Urged****By ZOE VON ENDE**
Denver Post Staff Writer

This year is going to be a "hot" one as far as the John Birch Society and the election are concerned an Anti-Defamation League (ADL) official said in Denver Tuesday.

And it's up to the middle-ground elements in the community, both local and national, to stay in the heat of the political fight to see that things don't go as smoothly as the Birchers would like, said Harvey B. Schechter of Los Angeles, ADL's fact-finding supervisor for the Western States.

Schechter made his remarks in a speech at the annual "Pot Luck of All Nations" luncheon presented by the B'nai B'rith Women of Denver and the regional ADL office. (B'nai B'rith is a predominantly Jewish organization, set up to protect civil liberties.)

Schechter substituted for Milton A. Senn, ADL's Western states supervisor, who was ill. The topic was "Knowing Your Left from Your Right—A Hard Look at Extremism."

"The John Birch Society has its eye on 325 of the nation's 435 congressional districts in 1966," Schechter said. "They're trying to get 1,000 new members in each of those districts — ones in which they believe they have a chance of winning. California's Birch Society has 16 on its staff. There are several in this area, and they don't stop working."

Schechter didn't say, however, whether any of Colorado's four congressional districts were among the 325 he said the Birchers are aiming at.

Fighting the Birchers this

year won't be easy, Schechter said.

"You're dealing with people who fight dirty — the ones who make anonymous phone calls and such. But I like the words of Harry Truman. He said, 'If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.' I for one choose not to get out of the kitchen."

He urged his audience of 350

**HARVEY B. SCHECHTER**

He'll stay in the kitchen.

—mostly women—to stay in the "kitchen" by becoming informed and by becoming involved in community organizations.

Community organizations to keep or become active in, Schechter said, include the PTA, church boards and the YMCA, presumably because these are the ones in which Birch members also would try to gain strongholds.

"Once you become involved, you'll find you're not alone," he said. "People will come to you from all walks of life. You'll find you've really got an army."

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PROMOTE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY**Farmer's Billboards Withstand Vandals**

STRATTON, Colo. — (UPI) — activities of the ~~chapter~~ but said it carries out the nation-wide programs of the society. In fact, there are three of them now. And the vandals are still trying to tear them down. "Send in \$5 and we'll send you all the information you want," he said.

That's the situation on U.S. 24 southeast of Stratton, where farmer James Loeffler advertises the John Birch Society.

Loeffler reported Wednesday that his three signboards have been the object of vandalism numerous times in the past few years. And he charged that Deputy Dist. Atty. Richard D. Thomas of Burlington has refused to prosecute the vandals.

Loeffler's billboards were in the headlines three years ago.

Loeffler sought the assistance of Atty. Gen. Duke W. Dunbar at that time to curb the vandalism, but Dunbar declined to step in, calling it a local matter.

Loeffler Wednesday wasn't inclined to say much about the activities of the local John Birch Society chapter. He did say that:

—There are three billboards on his property — urging impeachment of Earl Warren, chief justice of the United States; encouraging membership in the Birch Society; and calling for "less government, more responsibility and a better world with freedom to do good only."

—The signs have been torn down several times, set afire and smeared with oil and paint.

—Thomas "has given us the run-around" in prosecution of the vandals.

—The Birch Society chapter in Stratton still exists, with Loeffler as its head.

Loeffler declined to spell out

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The Open Forum

"There Is No Hope for the Satisfied Man"

FREDERICK G. BONFELS

Civil Rights Groups Denounce Racial Committee

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In view of the misleading nature of the invitation, which includes a fund raising gimmick, we want to emphasize that this seminar is in no way sponsored or supported by any legitimate civil rights organizations or related to any program activity or committee with which they cooperate.

On the contrary, the seminar has now been exposed in both The Denver Post and Rocky Mountain News as a creature of the John Birch Society and its insidious campaign against the civil rights movement.

The true purposes of the John Birch Society's all-out attack on the civil rights movement have become evident:

—It is a convenient instrument for exploiting whatever white backlash exists in the nation as the result of the Negro thrust for equality.

—The propaganda campaign is a logical preliminary to Welch's plans for a Birch Society effort in 1966 to influence the congressional elections.

—The campaign offers an opportunity for nationwide activity by Birchers, using front groups, and for recruiting new members into the society's ranks.

In short, like the Communists, the John Birch Society is seeking to exploit the nation's racial tensions for its own propaganda and recruitment purposes, and for its deeper political goals. And it is using the Communist technique of the front group as a propaganda, smear and recruiting instrument.

We are confident that Denverites will join us in completely disavowing the Denver committee and its activities.

SHELDON STEINHAUSER,
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MRS. HELEN PETERSON,
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GOP INFILTRATION DOUBTED**Love Discounts Birch Power**

To his best knowledge, Gov. John Love said Tuesday, the Colorado Republican party is in no danger of infiltration by the ultra-conservative John Birch Society.

The GOP governor also said the Birch Society "represents, in concept, a danger to the kind of America I believe in."

Love's remarks were in reply to a question from a B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League audience after a speech he made to the group at the Denver Press Club.

"Maybe I'm naive," he said,

"but I don't see any danger of its infiltrating the party."

Love noted existence of a small El Paso County group which has spoken of forming a third (conservative) political party in the state, but added: "As far as the Birch Society having any effect on the party, I don't know of it."

In answer to another question Love said he doesn't favor trying to "buy" new industries by offering tax exemptions to lure them to Colorado. This state must keep its tax levels competitive with other industry-seeking areas, however, he said.

Colorado, like all other states, has difficulty meeting its governmental responsibilities because of high levels of federal taxation, Love said. In Colorado federal taxes amount to 68 per cent of all taxation here — almost \$7 out of every \$10 paid by Colorado residents.

One possible way of easing states' financial problems, Love

said, would be adoption of a plan proposed by economist Walter Heller. It proposes refunding of a percentage of federal taxes to the states, with 2 per cent spoken of as a beginning.

That would dovetail, Love said, with his preference for broad functional federal grants to states — grants which would permit state officials to determine how they were used without federal strings attached to them.

Existing categorical grants from Washington, Love said, aren't only encumbered with narrow restrictions, but force proliferation of both federal and state bureaucracies.

Love said he also fears that increasing expansion of federal governmental activities in welfare areas may ultimately stifle what he called "the independent sector" of the economy — contributions of an individual nature to society or to specific charitable programs.

~~It is~~ "inconceivable that we should have want and suffering," he said, "but with our passion for bringing government more and more to these programs there is a danger that we might erode the desire and motivation of the individual to participate."

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DATE: 3/9/66

FROM : SAC

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Appearing at this meeting will be [redacted] who claims to be a [redacted] a man whose name is unknown but who claims to have been a card carrying member of the Communist Party and a third individual who also claims to have been a [redacted]

The discussion is to cover the subject of Civil Rights and Racial Problems. The notices for this benefit posed the question whether or not the people who receive these notices are actually aware of their civil rights and point out unless they are many bad things can happen to them and their families.

He had no further information concerning this matter.

This matter also appeared in the Denver Post.

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On March 7, 1966, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reported by telephone that he is a student at the University of Denver and has in his possession a four-page pamphlet entitled "The Crusader" which he stated is labeled as a private publication printed in Cuba, transmitted to Canada for distribution in the United States and specifically to be disseminated to the NAACP, CORE, and the John Birch Society. He stated that there is a stamped notation on the pamphlet, "Communist Propaganda." He related that he had purchased this pamphlet at the Office of "American Opinion," which he described as the Denver distribution office for the John Birch Society. He stated that it appears that this publication contains Cuban Communist propaganda and that he is calling it to the attention of this office in the event the FBI has not previously heard of the publication.

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Rights Pickets Plan Protest At Birch Rally

Picket lines will be set up at George Washington High School Saturday to protest a conservative civil rights seminar being sponsored by a John Birch Society allied group.

The demonstration will start at 9:30 a.m. and continue for two hours, according to Oliver Diggs, direct action chairman of the Denver branch of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Diggs invited Denver citizens to join the pickets. He said several local groups have denounced the seminar.

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It will feature four Birch Society speakers, including three Negroes, who maintain that part of the civil rights effort is a Communist conspiracy.

"It is hoped," Diggs said, "that citizens with a legitimate concern for civil rights will not be taken in by the name of the sponsoring group or the appearance of several Negro speakers who have been appearing around the country for the John Birch Society."

Negro speakers at the seminar will include Leonard Patterson a former Communist; Julia Brown, former FBI undercover agent, and George Schuyler, Pittsburgh newspaper columnist.

The fourth speaker is G. Edward Griffin, Birch Society lecturer who appeared here last year. Mrs. Brown also has spoken here before.

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IN ANSWER to Messrs. Steinhauser, Garcia, Reynolds, Hickman, Stuart and Mrs. Peterson in their denunciation of our Civil Rights Seminar:

YES, the Civil Rights Seminar on March 19 at George Washington High School is a project of the John Birch Society. But may I ask what "insidious campaign against the civil rights movement"? This seminar is a means of educating the public in what is happening "behind the scenes" as far as civil rights are concerned. Is this insidious?

NO, it is not "an instrument for exploiting the white backlash" but rather an instrument for better understanding. We certainly do not advocate demonstrations, insurrections or riots. We prefer law abiding methods, like holding seminars.

NO, it is not a "propaganda campaign . . . to influence the congressional elections" since the John Birch Society is not a political organization, but rather an educational organization. We hope that once the public understands the dangerous situation that exists in the name of civil rights they will do all in their power to help correct it through peaceful means.

YES, it is being held for recruiting purposes, indirectly, and why not? There are many people who are in complete agreement with the aims of the John Birch Society, namely, "less government, more individual responsibility and a better world."

MRS. CAROL MARY CONLEY
Denver. A John Birch Society member.

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Birchist School Growing 'Quietly' in Jefferson

By LEONARD LARSEN
Denver Post Staff Writer

Quietly and without the apparent interest of county or state school officials, a Lakewood minister — "proud" of his membership in the John Birch Society — is building his own school system.

About 150 youngsters from throughout the metropolitan area are enrolled in classes from pre-school to senior high school. An ambitious \$210,000 building program is at the launch stage, a program that would enlarge the schools to accommodate 450 children.

The eight-member school faculty, only two of whom are graduates of nationally or regionally accredited teacher colleges, instruct under a firm ministerial direction in courses heavily sauced with fundamentalist religion and extreme right-wing political philosophy, a regime which includes censorship of "objectionable" material from otherwise acceptable textbooks.

The minister, Pastor Tom Moore, 37, acknowledged in interviews last week that the school curriculum is designed to his own rigid specifications, that it is an extension of his own views of religion, politics and education.

KEYSTONE

A keystone of the school's approach to teaching about government is the assertion — an overpowering theme of the Birch Society — that deep Socialist and Communist infiltration has been made into every level of government in the United States.

But Pastor Moore was unable in talks with The Denver Post to identify key state and federal officeholders, denying all the while that he actually had a scant knowledge of the subject of government and asserting that a "busy executive" like himself keeps such information "on file."

Pastor Moore's school system, the Lakewood Christian Schools, is an adjunct of the Lakewood Baptist Tabernacle he heads at 9200 W. Ellsworth Ave.

SET UP IN 1962

The school system was set up Aug. 20, 1962, when Pastor Moore, for a \$5 filing fee in the office of the secretary of state, simply registered the school name under the original Oct. 20, 1955, incorporation of his church.

Under state law he was then ready to open the school for students, the only other additional legal requirement being that his teachers take an oath of allegiance to the state and federal governments and vow to display respect for the flags of the nation and the state.

There is a suggestion in the Colorado statutes that private school students — like those in Pastor Moore's school — receive a "basic academic education comparable to that provided in the public schools of the state."

But no check under that provision has ever been made of the Lakewood Christian Schools by either the Jefferson County

School District or the State Department of Education.

In effect, Pastor Moore satisfied the "comparable basic academic education" clause in state law when, with his \$5 filing fee, he declared in five words the purpose and the program of his proposed educational facility:

"Christian school teaching and activities."

Parents of children attending the Lakewood Christian Schools are charged tuitions which range from \$207 a year for elementary classes to \$260 a year for junior and senior high school classes. In addition, they must pay annual matriculation fees up to \$20 and, if they choose, weekly lunch and bus fees.

The classes themselves are conducted in neat partitioned areas of the main ~~floor of the~~ church building and in separate basement rooms.

INTENT, ORDERLY

It is an intent, orderly school operation which reflects the requirement that all parents must sign approval for the spanking of their children at school "if needed."

"I rarely do it," said Pastor Moore last week. "But they know I can."

"We believe you can't teach an undisciplined child. And, the first thing to make a child teachable is to make certain you've got him under control."

The pastor, however, is not a switch-brandishing martinet presiding over cowering children. He is a friendly, quick-to-smile young man whose pleasant voice is tinged with bitterness only when he speaks of those people "who make fun of religion."

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Only slightly condensed, Pastor Moore's approaches to both religion and government are majestically uncluttered.

"To get right with God, he declares, 'we've got to get the fear of God back in the hearts of men.'"

TWO-CAMP THEORY

U.S. government, in the pastor's view, is easily defined by the "two camp" theory, the mainstream opinion of the John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch:

There are two camps in the United States, Americanism and Communism.

"I have convictions on religion and on conservative government," Pastor Moore said last week in conversation with The Post. "And that's why I have a school."

Are the ideas and the teachings offered in the Lakewood Christian Schools, then, reflections of his own ideas?

"Absolutely," answered Pastor Moore.

The minister explained that he "gets the conservative viewpoint across by knowing who my teachers are." He denied that membership in the John Birch Society is required of the teachers but noted that "the teachers are not permitted to smoke, drink or go to picture shows and, naturally, they have to be Christians."

SALARIES SECRET

Pastor Moore refused to give information on the school's salaries for teachers (he is inclined to refer to the faculty as "my professors") but he offered assurances that "they could get a lot more money in public schools and so could I."

That, actually, is a highly optimistic estimate.

Of the eight-member faculty at the Lakewood Christian Schools, only two apparently would be eligible for teacher certification in Colorado, one listed by Pastor Moore as a graduate of Sioux Falls College in Sioux Falls, S.D., and the other a graduate of Sterling College in Sterling, Kan.

The school leader said that "we don't cater to state certifications for our teachers because normally it means they would not have the religious background we would prefer."

Three religious schools listed by Pastor Moore as having produced graduates for his school,

however, have neither the accreditation of national or regional teacher accrediting agencies nor acceptance by the Association of Bible Colleges or the American Association of Theological Schools.

Pastor Moore said he had attended the Grace Bible Institute at Omaha, Neb., and the Nebraska State Teachers College at Kearney, Neb., before winning a bachelors degree in 1950 at the Denver Baptist Bible College, 3401 Bryant St.

In the area of school textbooks Pastor Moore acknowledged some difficulties in supplying his school and noted that "we use about the same books as Denver and Jefferson County — not because we want to but because those are the only ones available."

SEEKS ADVICE

In his selection of texts, Pastor Moore said, he does seek advice from the reports of the Textbook Evaluation Committee of America's Future, Inc., of New Rochelle, N.Y.

Both the committee and its parent group carry members who are also prominent in activities of the Birch Society and,

coincidentally, the evaluation work has been praised by the Birch Society founder, Welch.

Mainly, the "evaluation" is a continuing criticism of "the leftists, the one-worlders, the modern educationists . . ." who write and publish school texts.

Although the work of the Textbook Evaluation Committee is valuable to him, Pastor Moore said that he and his faculty impose further censorship on texts which the school does use, concerned mainly "with the field of social studies" and watchful, too, "for anything with a nonreligious slant."

In the censorship, he said, "the books are not mutilated, the teacher simply steps in and takes over."

Three examples of text censorship in the Lakewood Christian Schools were offered by Pastor Moore. Two were passages dealing with human evolution, and Pastor Moore noted that the text material "has to be countered if the school does not approve of the theory of evolution."

The third text, "The United States Story of a Free People," was censored in a section sub-

titled: "Why Socialism — Root but Later Failed."

The section traces the growth of socialism in the United States in the early 1900s and its subsequent withering as a political force, noting that many of the reforms advocated by Socialists were adopted in the administrations of both Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Of the decline of socialism as a political party force, the text concludes:

"Of course, the diehards remained, but they were few in number."

Pastor Moore repeated several times in the conversations with The Post that the Birch Society was in no way related to his school — "the Birch Society is over here. The school is over here."

SIMPLE APPEAL

But in his discussion of the censored material on socialism, the pastor reflected the true believer's acceptance of Birch Society dogma, a dogma which often reduces itself to a formula of simple appeal:

Social legislation and government activity equals socialism; socialism equals communism.

"Our teachers put out to their classes that socialism has not failed but is gaining as much. If not greater, inroads in more subtle ways," said Pastor Moore of the censored material.

"This is one of the keys to the controversy."

"From my general course of reading — and it's extensive — this represents the general view of conservative thinking. It is not extremism. It represents the moderate stream of conservative thought."

"Infiltration is a known fact by both socialism and communism. The percentage I would leave open. Who knows?"

"Extremism is a relative term. We are not extremists in relation to the known facts."

GIVES GUIDELINE

Asked for some kind of a guideline, how does he determine the penetration of socialism into government, Pastor Moore responded:

"Anything in government that deals with the masses of people and places restrictions over them is socialism."

Wouldn't that include any law, any regulation, any attempt by a government to provide an orderly society? Can you give some specifics? Pastor Moore was asked.

He declined to talk of specifics, turning instead to the "point" when socialism takes control of the government:

"It's somewhere along the line when the government ceases to assist people and becomes the dominating factor over them. When the government passes beyond that point . . ."

EVERY LEVEL

In response to another question, Pastor Moore said it was "assumed" that socialism had penetrated every level of government — federal, state and local — and added that "I suppose you're going to ask me to name some men in Jefferson County."

"You know I wouldn't do that. We are too intelligent to stick our necks out . . . you can subject yourself to every kind of cruelty and harassment."

Although he displayed a certain mystic flair in his teachings of socialism in government, Pastor Moore showed a few knowledge gaps in more down-to-earth acquaintance with governmental affairs.

Who are some of Colorado's elected public officials?

Of six Jefferson County members of the legislature, Pastor Moore could name one.

Of four Colorado members of Congress, he had a faint recall of Rep. Roy McVicker, D-Colo., who serves the Jefferson County area:

"The fellow who went to Congress last year — Roy. I should remember him since he's an ordained minister. Of course, he and I have opposite political convictions."

He could name neither of Colorado's U.S. senators.

PASTOR BRISTLES

The pastor bristled at the suggestion he might have only a casual knowledge of the governments he is certain are infiltrated by Socialists and Communists.

"I'm not sure it's fair to say I'm casually acquainted with government," said Pastor Moore.

"Simply because one is not able to rattle off names doesn't mean one is not acquainted with what is going on. I could pull my files and give it to you in five seconds."

"I can pull my files on anything you want. It's not necessary for me to pull my mind on anything you want."

"Why should a busy executive remember when he can keep files? A man is a fool if he tries to remember everything when he knows where he can go and get the information."

If there are questions that might be raised concerning the competence of Pastor Moore and his "professors" to offer primary and secondary education to the children left in their charge, those questions are apparently not to be answered by any school authorities in the state.

If, indeed, there are questions that might be asked concerning the "comparable basic academic education" offered at many of the independent, private or church-sponsored schools in the state, they would likewise be unanswered.

NO REQUIREMENTS

The fact is there are virtually no requirements to be met by persons who want to start a nonprofit private school for primary and secondary teaching in Colorado, no demand by the state for a showing they are qualified to do what they are setting out to do.

And what little legal supervision muscle exists in state law over an operating private school is ignored in most cases, with the Department of Education maintaining responsibility rests with the local districts and the local districts maintaining it's the other way around.

The suggestion that an independent or parochial school provide "a basic academic education comparable to that provided in the public schools of the state" is contained in the 1963 school attendance law.

The law also provides that each school district designate at least one "attendance officer."

POSITION OF STATE

It is the position of the Department of Education that the two provisions empower the local districts, through the "attendance officer," to check on the adequacy of private school education in the district.

The local districts regard the role of an "attendance officer" as a truant officer, checking only on children who are not attending school, not on the quality of the education of the school they might be enrolled in.

Dr. Elbie Gann, assistant education commissioner for Colorado, said the department takes the position that the standards of a private school should at least meet the standards of the schools in the local district.

It is also the position of the department, he said, that "in terms of proper local control, the local school district is in a better position to make that determination."

He noted that if a local school district asked for a determination of the adequacy of a private school in the district, the department would do so, adding that "actually, it is the policy of the State Board of Education to wait for the local district to make the request."

RARELY MADE

In actual fact, such determinations are rarely made, either by the state or any local school district.

One high level state education official — who asked that his name not be used — estimated that 99 per cent of the private elementary and secondary schools in the state have never been checked for the quality of education they are offering.

He cited three factors:

The state does not have the staff to do it.

It's a "troublesome" area.

"And if a youngster transfers from one of the private schools to a public school, he's tested and then just placed where he fits."

The official noted with some irony that a bill — requested on Gov. John Love's call to the legislature — was rushed through the recent legislative session to place strict licensing and supervisory controls over "proprietary" schools where adults take job training courses.

"But if a person desires to operate a private school for children quietly and independently in any fashion they want to, they can do it in Colorado."



1ST AND 2ND GRADES ENTER THE SCHOOL
Mrs. Annie McKenney, teacher, directs them into class.



PASTOR TOM MOORE, JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY MEMBER, EXPLAINS LAKEWOOD CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS
The school curriculum is an extension of his own views of religion, politics and education.

Denver Post Photos by David Mathias

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

An Academic No Man's Land

A DENVER Post article about a Jefferson County school "system" run by a clergyman of John Birch persuasion calls attention to a gap in the education laws of Colorado. It is too easy to establish and operate a school in this state.

We are not complaining because Pastor Tom Moore, head of the Lakewood Christian Schools, is a minister, or even because he is a dedicated Bircher. We are somewhat concerned, though, about the general quality of the education in this sort of school, which appears to be operating in an academic no man's land.

Pastor Moore's authority to run a school is simply a corporate registration with the secretary of state. On the basis of the minister's own statements, only two of his eight teachers would apparently be eligible for certification as teachers in public schools.

Of course an academic degree from an accredited college is no guarantee of a teacher's ability. Some people who lack degrees are highly qualified to teach certain subjects. But in the case of the Baptist minister's school system — and perhaps a good many others — no responsible public official has any way of knowing the teachers are qualified.

As reported Sunday in The Post, nobody in a position of public responsibility has taken the trouble to find out.

The State Education Department considers this to be the responsibility of the local district. Jefferson County schoolmen consider the state has primary responsibility. So nobody does anything.

We suspect this is the rule, not the exception, in Colorado.

The state sets standards for public school

teachers and raises them from time to time. But the law does not — at least clearly — apply these standards to teachers in private schools. Their only statutory requirement, it seems, is to take an oath of allegiance to the U.S. and Colorado Constitutions and to teach respect for law, order and the flag.

The School Attendance Law of 1963 does require that unless children go to public schools they must attend "an independent or parochial school which provides a basic academic education comparable to that provided by the public schools . . ."

THIS law is enforced, but apparently only as a truancy law. If a child is not in school, he gets in trouble. But if he is enrolled in some school — ANY school — that is enough. No one investigates the "basic academic education" he gets.

It is always difficult, of course, to apply public standards to private and parochial schools. The state and the school district should avoid meddling with private and religious education.

Yet it seems a state that pays so much attention to educational standards for public school pupils ought at least to provide some minimum guidelines for private teachers, most of whom, in long-established schools and school systems, could easily meet state requirements anyway.

Other states do this. We are told, for example, that California, Oregon and Washington all have some form of mandatory certification for private teachers. While it is a sensitive area, it is perhaps time for Colorado to be more attentive to this gap in its education laws.

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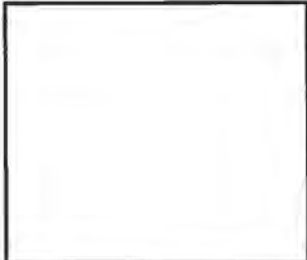
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THE DENVER COMMITTEE TO IMPROVE RACIAL RELATIONS

P O BOX 4053 SANTA FE STATION

DENVER, COLORADO 80204



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16 February 1966

Dear Fellow Businessman;

This Committee is concerned with the prevention of civil strife in the city of Denver. It is to this end that we are seeking your cooperation and support.

First of all, a rational approach to the problem demands an understanding of the factors involved. To gain that understanding, some exposure to people who already understand these factors is required -- people who possess this knowledge as a result of personal experience and study.

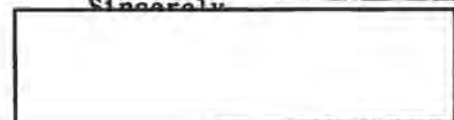
Would you agree that there is a great deal of misunderstanding and confusion here, as to this problem of "Civil Rights"? Those who are agitating the "Civil Rights" problem can do so only in such a climate of confusion and deceit. It is our opinion that an intelligent handling of this problem requires that this confusion be dispelled by a realistic and honest program of public education.

The Denver Committee to Improve Racial Relations, a newly organized local group that loves this city and our American system of individual private enterprise, is working toward that goal. We have secured the top talent in the nation to speak on THE TRUTH ABOUT CIVIL RIGHTS. We will sponsor an all-day seminar, here in the city, on that subject so that our fellow citizens may have the benefit of the first-hand experience of these knowledgeable people.

WILL YOU HELP?

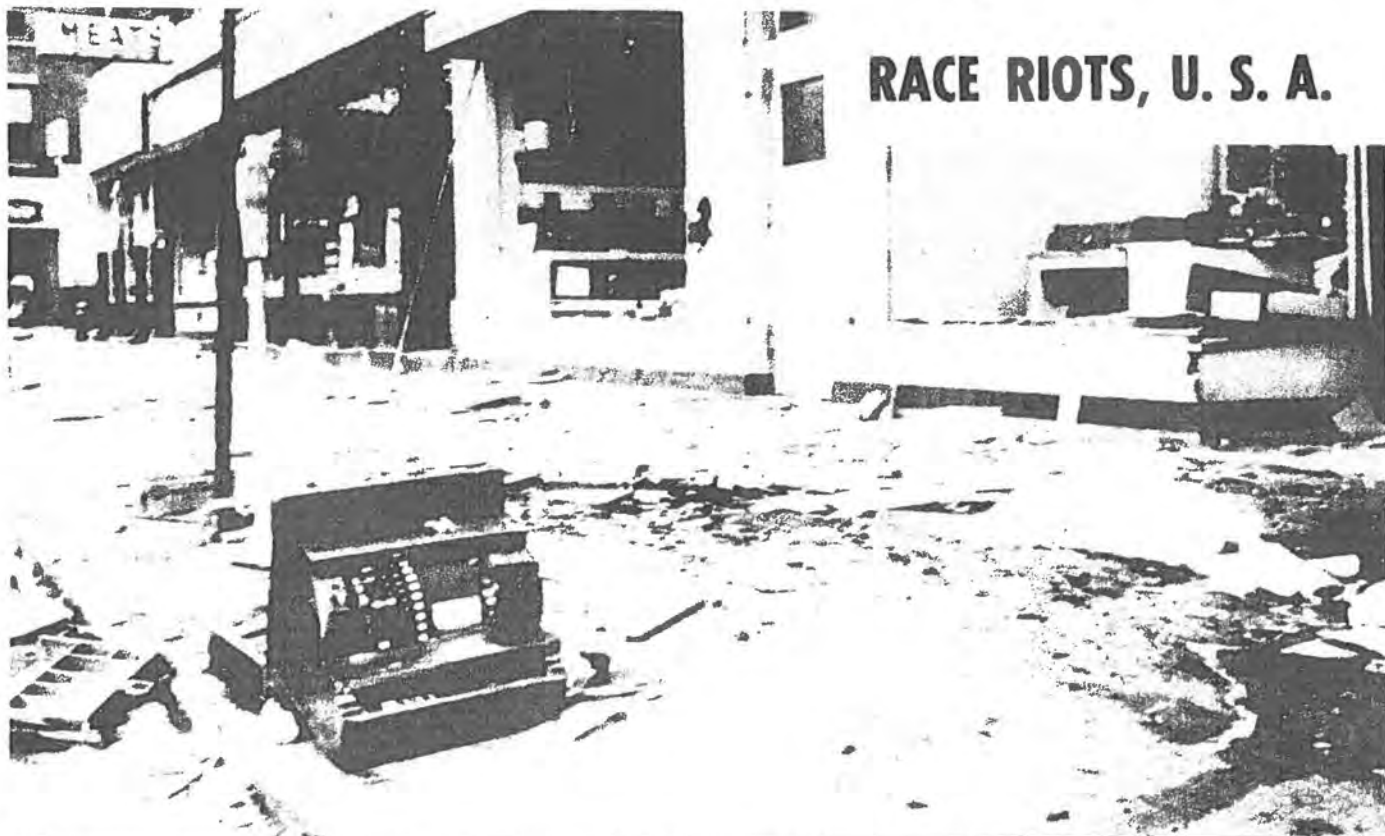
Within the next few days we expect to visit with you in person. When our representatives call, please take a moment to hear what they have to say. In the meantime, ask yourself whether you would like to have a part in this Civic-betterment project. After all, it's YOUR business ---- and YOUR COUNTRY!

Sincerely,



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RACE RIOTS, U. S. A.



The businessman is one of the principal *victims* of the so-called "Race Riots" which are becoming ever more common in these United States. *Can it happen to you? Can it happen in this city?* Unless intelligent preventive steps are taken, it can — and almost certainly WILL.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (62-1623)

DATE: 3/23/66

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: THE DENVER COMMITTEE TO APPROVE RACIAL RELATIONS
Post Office Box 4053
Santa Fe Station
Denver, Colorado
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 3/12/66, a telephone call was received at this office from [redacted] telephone [redacted]. He advised that he is the owner and proprietor of [redacted] telephone [redacted].

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[redacted] advised that on about the night of 3/4/66, a coca cola bottle was thrown by someone through the plate glass window of his drug store which was discovered on the following morning. He stated he has no idea who did it or why it was done. He stated that since his drug store is in the Negro area of Denver, he assumed that this might possibly have some racial overtone.

He further advised that on 3/12/66 he had received a letter addressed to [redacted] from the Denver Committee to Improve Racial Relations which had attached to it a sheet with photographs apparently taken following the Watts Riots in Los Angeles during the summer of 1965 showing the devastation it brought in the business area.

He stated that he thought perhaps there might be some connection between this letter and the previous window breaking incident. He advised this was merely a supposition on his part.

This letter was also discussed with [redacted] who assists his father in the operation of the [redacted] who advised that he was unable to connect the window breaking incident and the letter as having any relation to each other. He stated he would forward the letter to this office. The letter has been received and is attached to this memorandum.

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It is noted that the letterhead lists [redacted] of the Committee. No further action is recommended. b6 b7C

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-275)

FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-41)

PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION AT SEMINAR
SPONSORED BY DENVER COMMITTEE TO
IMPROVE RACIAL RELATIONS, GEORGE
WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, DENVER,
MARCH 19, 1966
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Re Denver teletype 3/18/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and seven
copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) pertaining to
captioned matter. Copies have been designated locally for
113th INTC, OSI, ONI and USA. Liaison is being maintained
with the Denver Police Department.

The confidential source mentioned in the LHM is

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The following individuals were
contacted 3/18/66, and furnished
information concerning the pro-
posed demonstration at George
Washington High School, 3/19/66:

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR (175-275)
FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-41)

DEMONSTRATION AT SEMINAR SPONSORED
BY DENVER COMMITTEE TO IMPROVE
RACIAL RELATIONS, GEORGE
WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, DENVER,
COLORADO, 3/19/66
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Denver, Colorado
March 21, 1966

SEMINAR SPONSORED BY DENVER COMMITTEE
TO IMPROVE RACIAL RELATIONS, GEORGE
WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, DENVER,
COLORADO, MARCH 19, 1966

"Denver Post," Denver daily newspaper issue of March 20, 1966, in an article captioned "Denver Box Office Flop - 200 At Birch Civil Rights Road Show" advised that sponsors of a John Birch Society "Conservative Civil Rights Seminar" heated up a Red branding iron for the civil rights movement Saturday in Denver, but apparently lost money on the effort.

The article continued "The road show of professional right wing speakers - whose theme is Communist domination of the movement for Negro rights - attracted a sparse crowd of about 200 in the 1,500-seat George Washington High School auditorium.

"At \$5 per admission, the all-day Denver meeting obviously fell far short of the \$2,000 guarantee demanded by Robert Welch, the Birch Society founder, for a local visit by the Conservative Civil Rights Seminar team.

"Spokesmen for the Denver Committee to Improve Racial Relations - the front group set up to sponsor the seminar - said at the close of the day they were unsure how close collections came to meeting the \$2,000 guarantee.

"Letters soliciting support for the seminar suggested those attending would hear about Denver area civil rights strife. But the only Denver references were of the "glad-to-be-in-your-fair-city" variety.

"Undismayed by the rows of empty seats, the four seminar speakers, three of them Negroes, plowed through their prepared speeches on Communist penetration of the civil rights movement.

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